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The regular monthly meeting of the Cutcho gue Fire District was called to order by David Blados, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, at 8pm, with the Flag Salute.

Roll call of the Officers taken as follows: David Blados, Michael Finnican; Christopher Talbot; Lawrence Behr, Steven Harned, Treasurer Peter Zwerlein and Secretary, Matthew Martin. A quorum was declared. Chief Meringer also present.

Motion to accept the January 2022 minutes. Motion by Comr. Talbot seconded by Comr. Behr, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the total of the February Audited Bills presented by Treasurer Zwerlein, in the amount of \$143,829.99. Motion by Comr. Finnican, seconded by Comr. Talbot, motion carried unanimously. A copy thereof is attached to these minutes as Attachment #1.

#### **Correspondence:**

Chevrolet Motor Company informing of 2-Safety Recall's for Tahoe's. 2011- and 2013-year models. Chevrolet dealer to be contacted.

Waterway Long Island thanked us for 10 years of service. They will advise of dates and costs later in the year with a contract.

Waterway also reminds us of an Annual Documented axel weight tests on all vehicles. Dates & Test to be performed later in the year. Motion by Comr. Blados to approve the annual weighing of all vehicles when contract is submitted by Waterway. Seconded by Comr. Finnican, motion carried unanimously.

Members Robert Doroski and John Szymczak passed away recently. Insurance Companies were notified. Policy Declarations were received from both Arch Insurance Company and McNeil & Company. Comr. Blados asked for a moment of silence for the deceased Members.

### **Commissioner's reports:**

### Comr. Blados:

- Vehicle 8-5-4 has completed all repairs, including one door exit window switch, also Pump Front water Inlet Valve leaking.
- Southold Town Fire Districts Officers are to meet here, at Cutchogue, on March 10<sup>th</sup> with dinner provided by the host. Change due to St. Patrick's Day.
- Suggested we should review all costs concerning the LOSAP Program, to include the program and fees for the last 10 years.
- Second final Round of Physicals on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. All members should be tested, unless extenuating circumstances exist and notified of such.
- 8-5-1 Truck, to install LED lights on entire vehicle. Discussion followed, then a motion by Comr. Blados to install the LED lights system on 8-5-1, seconded by Comr. Behr, carried unanimously.

### **Comr. Finnican:**

- ➢ Firehouse Boilers have been inspected and certified.
- Electrical Inspection is completed.
- Parking lot has icing issue and a local contractor, Kevin Romanowski, will maintain our parking lot charging \$300.00 per service. Motion by Comr. Finnican to hire Mr. Romanowski, on call basis, to maintain our parking lot by clearing the ice from it. Seconded by Comr. Harned, motion carried unanimously.
- > Discussed the need to purchase two (2) Fire Chief's cars, which would be Chevrolet Tahoe's, with

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- a price of approximately \$90,000.00. They would need to be built with a Police Equipment package and the delivery date is estimated to be late 2022 or early 2023. The Fire District will install separately a roof mounted light tower, radios and other emergency equipment. The vehicles will be paid \$40,000.00 from the 2022 budget and the remainder from the "General Fund Unassigned Unappropriated Fund Balance".
- Comr. Finnican then made a motion to advertise for bids in accordance with the law, seconded by Comr. Harned, carried unanimously.
- Storage Building on East Side Property requires an extensive clean out, including discontinued Drill Team Equipment.

### Comr. Talbot:

**Comr. Talbot** brought up for discussion the issue of response times of EMT's to Signal 16 calls. This is a problem for all Fire Departments especially on the North Fork. There have been many solutions proposed to solve this problem such as paid EMT's or paid part-time EMT's and additional help from Stony Brook Hospital with either a "fly car" or a possible ambulance. Comr. Talbot then mentioned that another possibility is having shared services with other Fire Districts which should be considered.

After discussion it was agreed that more information was needed and Comr. Blados then made a motion to table the discussion on this subject until more information was made available to the Board of Fire Commissioners. Motion seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.

#### Comr. Behr

➢ No Insurance questions, at this time.

**Comr. Harned:** Commented on the 501-C3 tax program, saying that the Department will be able to function as previously without the program. The main purpose of this program is to permit large donations to the department, by donors requesting tax exempt status.

#### **Chief Amos Meringer's Report:**

Fire School/Training:

1-Fire police refresher class in Greenport 2/10 7 pm, request to provide transportation 2-2/17 in house training with Chip. topic- elevator rescue.

Activities:

1-Fire Expo 2/11- 2/13 Request to provide transportation for the 12th

2-Washingtons birthday parade in Greenport 2/19 request to take 8-5-2, 8-5-3, 8-5-5.

3-After discussing the options, the chiefs have decided to move the chiefs steak night to April 9-2022. Motion by Comr. Talbot to approve all activities 1 thru 3, seconded by Comr. Behr, carried unanimously.

Equipment/Repairs: follow up on-

- 1. 8-5-4 windows in crew area not working
- 2. 8-5-4 belts squealing in the rain
- 3. 8-5-3 Periodic service needed
- 4. 8-5-6 Oil Change
- 5. 8-5-31 Siren malfunctioning (IWT to be advised)

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NEW

 8-5-6 oil change
 8-5-31 siren malfunctioning (IWT to be called for repair) Requests:

1-Request to participate in an air management drill on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with Southold at their substation (full turnout gear). Motion by Comr. Behr to allow department to attend the drill in Southold. Seconded by Comr. Harned, carried unanimously.

Purchases:

2-Sets of Buckle locks and Velcro for ambulance stretchers, \$600/allowance (approx. \$ 250/each stretcher) The locks are to insure patient safety on the gurney during handling and transport to hospitals.

Motion to adjourn at 8:56 pm by Comr. Talbot, seconded by Comr. Harned, carried unanimously.

Matthew J. Martin Fire District Secretary

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Attachment #1

Cutchogue Fire District Abstract of Transactions For Approval February 8, 2022 <u>Warrant 22-02</u>

Pay To	Amount
ACADEMY PRINTING	\$268.11
ALBERTSON MARINE, INC	\$7,217.97
ALL POWER PERFORMANCE	\$7,081.00
BREWER WILLIAM (web master)	\$1,500.00
BROWN LADDER COMPANY, JOHN P	\$1,550.85
CAPITAL ONE, N.A. CORP. CARD	\$1,546.01
COASTAL FIRE SYSTEMS INC	\$9,876.57
CUTCHOGUE HARDWARE	\$49.54
DEJANA TRUCK & UTILITY EQUIP	\$6,385.00
FIGURNIAK CHRISTIAN (dental benefit)	\$180.00
FIRE END & CROKER	\$1,713.60
FIREFIGHTERS INSURANCE PROGRAM	\$14,229.55
FIREMATIC SUPPLY	\$438.80
FULL CYCLE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$268.95
GERM FREE PRO	\$398.00

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GRAINGER	\$94.50
HENDRICKSON FIRE RESCUE EQUIP	\$16,882.53
IMPERIAL BAG & PAPER CO LLC	\$631.01
INTEGRATED WIRELESS	\$141.00
TECHNOLOGI	
LUPTON & LUCE, INC	\$13,740.00
MARTIN C. AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY	\$15.58
MASON W.B	\$103.42
MATTITUCK ENVIRO	
SERVICES	\$897.70
MCNEIL & COMPANY INC	\$8,668.80
NASSAU DIAGNOSTICS, INC	\$10,855.00
NATIONAL GRID	\$1,544.61
NOFO WELLNESS CENTER	\$550.00
NYS ASSOC OF FIRE CHIEFS	\$1,095.00
NYS EMPLOYMENT TAXES UI	\$407.24
OPTIMUM	\$535.28
PAYCHEX	\$396.65
PAYROLL	\$19,391.68
PETRO COMMERCIAL SERVICES	\$455.05
PSEG LONG ISLAND	\$1,887.16
SOUTHOLD PHARMACY	\$98.00
SPEEDY SIGN FX	\$30.00
SPRAGUE OPERATING RESOURCES	\$742.36
STRATEGIC SECURITY SYSTEMS	\$600.00
STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	\$8,391.00
TIMES REVIEW NEWSPAPERS	\$44.08
UNITED STATES TREASURY EFTPS	\$1,483.45
VALERO CUTCHOGUE VAN DUZER GAS SERVICE	484.22 797.38
Total bills for approval 2/8/2022	\$143,829.99