

**2022 Minutes of the CUTCHOQUE FIRE DISTRICT Page 1 of 5**  
**January 11th, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cutchogue Fire District was called to order by David Blados, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, at 8pm.

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

Motion to accept the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes as Emailed to commissioners.

Motion by Comr. Finnican seconded by Comr. Blados, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Comr. Finnican to approve the December 2021 Treasurer's report as printed and submitted to the Commissioners. Motion seconded by Comr. Blados, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the total of the Audited Bills presented by Treasurer Zwerlein, in the amount of \$53,896.70. Motion by Comr. Finnican seconded by Comr. Blados, motion carried unanimously.

A copy thereof is on the last page of these minutes as Attachment #1.

**Correspondence:**

**United Fire Company #1** letter from January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting informing of the resignations of two members, who have moved from the district, namely Jacqueline Berkoski and Patrick Robbins. Motion by Finnican, seconded by Comr. Blados to accept the resignations as submitted by the Fire Company, motion carried unanimously.

**Adept Technology**, Proposal to renew Antivirus for all computers for 2022 \$ 539.85. Motion by Comr. Behr to renew the Antivirus for all computers, seconded by Comr. Harned, unanimously carried.

**Suffolk County Water Authority** informing of a water main extension for Monsell Lane 275 ft. Indicate location of any Fire Hydrants to be installed per current yearly rates. After a length review of the Map and the area coverage, it was decided to place a new hydrant at the lines end. Motion by Comr. Talbot to install the hydrant as stated above, seconded by Comr. Finnican, unanimously carried.

**Nassau Diagnostics** confirming the 2<sup>nd</sup> date for member physicals on Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Town Planning Board requesting review of a site plan for WJF Farms Agricultural Storage Building located at 12595 Oregon Rd. After a careful review of the site plan, it was determined that there are two hydrants and one Electric Fire Well on Oregon Rd. The water supply is adequate and as long a access to the rear of all barns is available for the vehicles, no further water supply is needed.

Waterway Inc. submitted the annual pump test for 4-pumpers and found they past all performance test. Some minor repairs were noted and corrected.

**Commissioner's reports:**

**Comr. Finnican:** The 2 hot water boilers for heating the fire house have to be inspected to bring up to date. He expects inspectors to arrive any day now.

Comr. Finnican noted that the mechanical storage room is disorganized and should be better organized and cleaned up. Motion by Comr. Finnican to have the custodian and others clean out the room as soon as possible. Seconded by Comr. Behr, carried unanimously.

Covid vaccine is to be offered, here at the firehouse, on Jan. 13, 14, 15, public is invited. Motion by Comr. Finnican to permit Suffolk County Health Dept. use of firehouse, on the above dates, as a Covid Pod. Seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.

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**Comr. Talbot:** The electric door lock system has some issues and supplies are ordered to repair. CDC rules require masks to be used inside firehouse. Motion by Comr. Talbot & Behr to approve. Carried unanimously.

**Comr. Behr:** Reported there are approximately 1-thousand people in quarantine at this time. Comr. Behr also remarked the new Insurance Agency is working out well. Discussed the use of Spotters to observe the backing of vehicles into the firehouse where trucks can be easily damaged.

**Comr. Harned:** Informed that all water hydrants are in service and that the recent well testing was also satisfactory.

**Comr. Blados:** Noted that Pumper 8-5-4 is out of service for minor repairs. Jan 25<sup>th</sup> will be an informational meeting the future hiring of part time EMTs. He also noted that the LOSAP plan should be reviewed and updated, asap,

**Chief Amos Meringer's Report: (Presented by 1<sup>st</sup>. Asst. Brewer)**

Fire School/Training:

1-1/20 at 6:30 PM Annual Mandatory Refreshers Training.

Activities:

- 1, Covid Boosters at firehouse 1/13, 1/14, 1/15, Motion by Comr. Behr to permit use of fire house for the boosters, seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.
- 2, Installation of Officers Postponed till further notice.

Equipment/ Repairs:

- 1, 8-5-4 windows in crew area not working. (To be repaired)
- 2, 8-5-4 Engine belts squealing in the rain. (To be repaired)
- 3, Fire boat has been pulled from dock site to Marina for maintenance and winterization.
- 4, 8-5-3 Preventive Maintenance in process.

Requests:

- 1, Update protocol revisions, Chiefs office to do.
- 2, Review drill Team Captain J. Burns request letter for merger with Selden FD. (see attached), Motion by Comr. Harned, seconded by Comr. Behr to allow. Carried unanimously.
- 3, Question on purchases of 2-new Tahoe's for next year. Board is reviewing availability.
- 4, To have conference with neighboring districts and CPA's to establish 501c-3 parameters. (Board to consider)

Purchases:

1, Budget approved for Garmin Over lander GPS navigation device. Motion by Comr. Harned to approve the purchase of the Garmin device, seconded by Comr. Finnican, voice vote showed:

- 1-No, Comr. Talbot
- 4-Aye, motion carried.

2, 4-Vulcan stream light flashlights.

3, 5-Motorola APX 4000 UHFF radios for 8-5-6.

4, 5-sets collapsible cone kits

5, Viewing Screen for training, preferably 10 ft. x 10 ft. Approx. \$250.00. Motion by Commissioners Blados and Behr to approve purchase, carried unanimously.

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**New Business**

Received from the Southold Town Clerk, copies of Constitutional Oaths for Lawrence Behr & Steve Harned for their ensuing terms of office as Fire Commissioners.

Cancer policy for members was presented by Mark Patrick of Lupton & Luce Agency outlining the coverage for members to be aware of. The Plan now has a \$75,000.00 death benefit.

Comr. Talbot questioned that a few members are residing outside of the Fire District Limits. He suggested that the Department and Fire company review this and report for a solution.

Tom Shalvey gave a brief outline on the Covid Shots administration plan, to here at our firehouse, this week. Chairman Blados offered his thanks to Tom for his efforts in Covid prevention, a standing ovation was given to Tom!

Mr. Shalvey also noted that electronic devices are now available for monitor Scot Bottles tracking. Also, PCR reports can be tracked with electronic devices.

Fire Prevention trailer require minor repairs and the Assistant Chiefs Cars has a radio issue. Motion to adjourn at 9:04 pm by Comr. Talbot, seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

Matthew J. Martin  
Fire District Secretary  
1/23/22 posted

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**Attachment #1**

Cutchogue Fire District  
 Abstract of Transactions For Approval  
 January, 2022  
Warrant 22-01

Pay To	Amount
ADEPT TECHNOLOGY CONSULTG INC.....	\$1,982.10
BIG GEYSER INC.....	\$171.90
CAPITAL ONE, N.A. CORP. CARD.....	\$205.82
FIGURNIAK CHRISTIAN (2021 dental benefit).....	\$112.00
HAMMER MEDICAL/EMS DEPOT.....	\$71.90
HARTFORD THE.....	\$183.78
J. ZEE'S PLUMBING & HEATING.....	\$120.00
JAVIER DAVID.....	\$400.00
MASON W.B.....	\$112.22
MAYDAY COMMUNICATIONS.....	\$1,760.00
NATIONAL GRID.....	\$1,373.63
NOFO WELLNESS CENTER.....	\$550.00
NYS ASSOC OF FIRE DISTRICTS.....	\$500.00
OPTIMUM.....	\$1,072.06
ORLOWSKI HARDWARE COMPANY.....	\$26.99
OTIS FORD, INC.....	\$42.00
PAYCHEX.....	\$120.19
PAYROLL.....	\$13,678.11
PETRO COMMERCIAL SERVICES.....	\$353.59
PROFESSIONAL INNOVATIVE PROGRA.....	\$2,475.00
PSEG LONG ISLAND.....	\$2,185.08
RICHARD SECURITY, INC.....	\$117.72
SAFETY & ENV. SOLUTIONS, INC.....	\$1,785.00
SCHUFIRE LLC D/B/A WATERWAY LI.....	\$1,200.00
SCM PRODUCTS INC.....	\$6,011.00
SOUTHOLD FIRE DIST OFFCR ASSOC.....	\$50.00
SPRAGUE OPERATING RESOURCES.....	\$462.83
SUFFOLK COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS.....	\$200.00
SUFFOLK COUNTY FIRE DIST. OFCR.....	\$375.00
SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY.....	\$14,978.70
VALERO CUTCHOGUE.....	\$490.78
VAN DUZER GAS SERVICE.....	\$465.97
VERIZON WIRELESS.....	\$163.33

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VOEGEL, JR. CHRISTIAN W (bldg. maint.).....	\$100.00
<b>Total bills for approval 1/11/2022.....</b>	<b>\$53,896.70</b>

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