

# MINUTES

## Cutchogue Fire District Special Meeting

10/25/23 0700pm | *Meeting called to order by* Michael Finnican Chairman of the Board  
Salute to the flag

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### In Attendance

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Michael Finnican, Chairman

David Blados, Larry Behr, Christopher Talbot: Commissioners

Secretary, Thomas Shalvey Jr.

Absent: Commissioner Steven Harned, Treasurer Peter Zwerlein

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### Electric Upgrade Bid Opening

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3 Bids received:

1. Commander Electric of Bohemia \$147,500.00
2. Wildwood Electric of Wading River \$139,000.00
3. Palace Electric of Wantagh \$147,000.00

Bid awarded to Wildwood Electric

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### Resolutions

[See Attached](#)

- Resolution # 23-10-03. Resolution to name Stryker products as sole source supplier for stretchers and related equipment to be installed in District ambulances. Motion by D. Blados, seconded by C. Talbot all present in favor. Resolution passed.

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### Motions

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- 23-1018: Motion to purchase new marine radios for District rescue boats from West Marine of Riverhead and have installed at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion by D. Blados, seconded by C. Talbot. All present in favor. Motion passed
- 23-1019: Motion to purchase 2 Stryker power load stretcher systems to be installed in both District ambulances for a cost of \$69,500.00. Funds to come from equipment capital reserve fund as per permissive referendum approve at 10-10-2023 meeting, Motion by D. Blados, seconded by, C. Talbot. All present in favor, motion passed.

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### Next Meeting

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Meeting Adjourned @ 0730pm

11/14/2023 0800 pm, At CFD Annex 32470 Main Road Cutchogue

**CUTCHOGUE FIRE DISTRICT  
STANDARDIZATION & SOLE SOURCE RESOLUTION**

**Resolution 23-10-03**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Cutchogue Fire District in the Town of Southold, County of Suffolk, and State of New York, by at least a three-fifths majority at a regular meeting thereof, makes the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 5-a of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, expenditures for goods and materials exceeding \$20,000.00 must comply with the provisions of the public bidding requirements set forth in Section 103 of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Fire Commissioners is allowed a partial exception to that public bidding requirement as set forth in Section 103(5) of the General Municipal Law upon a resolution by a vote of least three-fifths of the members of the Board of Fire Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, this resolution must state that for reasons of economy or efficiency there is a need for standardization of a particular type or kind of equipment, materials, or supplies; and

WHEREAS, thereafter the Board of Fire Commissioners may award purchase contracts for such particular type or kind of equipment, materials or supplies, subject, however, to the Board awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, after the furnishing of security, and advertisement for bids; and

WHEREAS, there are also several well-established common law exceptions to the competitive bidding requirements of Section 103, one of which is the "sole source exception;" and

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller's Office has concluded that if the municipality determines in good faith, and without intent to arbitrarily restrict or inhibit competition, that the product is available from only one source so that no possibility of competition exists, the product may be acquired without competitive bidding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Cutchogue Fire District makes the following observations, comments, and findings regarding the purchase of power load lift equipment systems for the ambulances of the Fire District:

1. The Fire District has made a considerable capital investment in its fleet of ambulances over the years; and
2. It is the practice of the Fire District that all ambulances be equipped in essentially the same manner; and

3. One of the single most important pieces of ambulance equipment is the stretcher; and
4. All of the Fire District's ambulances are equipped with "Stryker" brand stretchers; and
5. The only stretchers that will work with the Fire District's existing ambulances are made and sold by Stryker Stretcher Company; and
6. The Fire District wishes to upgrade our existing ambulances with Stryker power load stretcher systems.
7. There exists no other product sold by any other vendor that provides substantially equivalent or similar benefits to those described above, and, considering the benefits received, the cost of the items is reasonable in comparison to other products available; and
8. For reasons of economy and efficiency, there is a need to standardize the stretchers provided by Stryker Stretcher Company as the Cutchogue Fire District's choice for ambulance stretchers, and further to select this vendor as the Fire District's sole source supplier of this product.

Commissioner Finnican:	Aye
Commissioner Blados:	Aye
Commissioner Talbot:	Aye
Commissioner Harned:	Absent
Commissioner Behr:	Absent

Dated: October 25, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF  
FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
CUTCHOGUE FIRE DISTRICT  
TOWN OF SOUTHOLD  
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY

THOMAS SHALVEY, Secretary