

**RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT -- BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:00P.M. by acting Secretary T. Anderson with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Present Commissioners D. Hellberg II, P. Pirozzi Jr., J. Campo, R. Lobocchiaro & B. Brooks, District Secretary T. Anderson & District Treasurer R. Hauser

Result of District Election held December 13th, 2016 in minute book.

Commissioner Campo sworn in by Commissioner Pirozzi, Oath of Office signed, to be sent to Brookhaven Town Clerk. Commissioner Campo term of office is January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021.

Acting Secretary T. Anderson requested nominations for Chairman of the Board for the year 2017. Commissioner Pirozzi nominated Commissioner Hellberg Commissioner Hellberg denied the Chairman position nominated Commissioner Campo seconded by Commissioner LoBocchiaro all in favor.

Acting Secretary T. Anderson inquired if any further nominations there were Commissioner Campo nominates Commissioner Pirozzi as Vice Chairman seconded by Commissioner Hellberg all in favor. Board was polled with all in favor of Commissioner Campo as Chairman and Commissioner Pirozzi as Vice Chairman Board approves .

Meeting turned over to Chairman Campo.

Motion by Commissioner Pirozzi to appoint Attorney Chris Ring, Attorney for Ridge Fire District for the year 2017, with retainer in amount of \$12,000.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner LoBocchiaro. Stated hourly rate is \$275.00 for all excluded items. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Pirozzi, seconded by Commissioner Brooks to appoint Teresa Anderson as District Secretary and Deputy Treasurer for the year 2017, with a 3% salary increase. Hours 8am – 3pm Monday – Friday plus banking, meetings etc., with 98 hours vacation, 35 of sick hours, 14 personal hours & 70 holiday hours. Teresa carries 129.5 vacation, 0 comp hours and 4 sick hours from 2016, all in favor, oath of office signed and to be filed with Town of Brookhaven Clerk's Office.

Motion by Commissioner Brooks, seconded by Commissioner Hellberg to appoint Robert Hauser as District Treasurer (CPA) for the year 2017, \$20,000.00 with a 3 % salary increase.

Motion by Commissioner Brooks to accept W. Lee as NY State Instructor Coordinator in the amount of \$55.00 a hr, motion seconded by Commissioner Hellberg all in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Pirozzi, seconded by Commissioner Brooks to appoint John Boyd EMS Manager for the year 2017 with a 3% salary increase. Hours 8am-4pm Monday – Friday, with 88 vacation hours, 40 sick, 16 personal hours & 80 holiday hours. J. Boyd carries 147 sick hours and 196 vacation hours from 2016. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner LoBocchiaro seconded by Commissioner Hellberg to appoint Leo Hadzigeorgiou as Mechanic for 2017 with a 3% salary increase. Workdays are Monday to Friday 7am to 3pm. Mechanic gets 80 vacation hours, 40 sick hours & 16 personal hours. L. Hadzigeorgiou carries 216 vacation hours, & 170 sick hours, from 2016. All in favor.

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Motion by Commissioner Brooks, seconded by Commissioner Pirozzi to appoint Jose Marmol as custodian for 2017 with a 3% salary increase. Hours: 40 hours per week. Monday- Friday with 80 vacation hours, 40 sick hours, 80 holiday hours & 16 personal hours. Jose carries 31 vacation hours, 30 sick hours over from 2016. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner LoBocchiaro, seconded by Commissioner Hellberg to appoint Sharon Farina as custodian for 2017 with a 3% salary increase. Hours to be 9 am to 3 pm Monday- Friday with 108 vacation hours 30 sick hours 60 holiday hours & 12 personal hours. Sharon carries 29 sick hours from 2016. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Pirozzi seconded by Commissioner to appoint full-time first responders: S.Blum, J.Gropper, T.Gruosso, J.Guerrera, Z.Kiss, N.Sadowsky. Per Diem R.Bonner, B.Brown, N.Crisci, J.Eck, J.Fallon, C.Fiore, J.Lesnick, B.Letorneau, B.Mcalary, G.Miglionico, D.Mohr, C.Negus, R.Oleary, N.Viscusi, E.Zalweski All in favor.

Full-time employees to get the following 10 paid holidays-New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving & Christmas Day. Board approves.

Motion by Commissioner Pirozzi seconded by Commissioner LoBocchiaro to appoint the accounting firm of Jones, Little as District Accountants for 2017. Estimated cost \$6,900. All in Favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Pirozzi seconded by Commissioner Hellberg to designate Capital One Bank as District's Official Depository for 2017. Also to designate J. P. Morgan Chase Bank and Depository Trust Corp. as paying agents for Bonds. All in favor.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion to hold the regular monthly meetings of Ridge Fire District on the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm, except when the regularly scheduled meeting falls on a holiday, said meeting can be moved to the following Tuesday if needed or can be cancelled. Also to hold meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month at 9:00am. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hellberg. All in favor. Attorney C. Ring will publish yearly meetings in Newsday, Board approves.

Attorney C. Ring published in Newsday, on December 14th, 2016, notice of Organizational Meeting to be held 01-09-17 at 7pm and the first Regular meeting to be held on 1-9-17 immediately following Organizational meeting at 7:30pm. Motion made by Commissioner Hellberg to have all district notices published in Newsday, making Newsday the district's official newspaper, seconded by Commissioner Brooks board approves. Commissioner Pirozzi abstains from vote.

Motion made by Commissioner Pirozzi seconded by Commissioner Brooks to continue membership in the following Associations for the year 2017 and to pay dues as per statements received: Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York; Suffolk County Fire Districts Association; Brookhaven Town Fire Districts Association; N.Y. State Association of Fire Chiefs; L.I. Fire Districts Legislative Committee, Brookhaven Town Fire Chiefs Association, NFPA for District and Chief's office & Brookhaven Town Volland's Museum and to join Fire District Managers Association, any others approved by board during the coming year. All in favor.

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Motion by Commissioner Pirozzi, seconded by Commissioner Brooks to re-enter into contract with the Suffolk County Board of Elections for use of district buildings, all in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Hellberg, seconded by Commissioner Pirozzi to enter into contract with Brookhaven Town Highway Department for 2017, Commissioner Lobocchiaro abstains. Board approves

Commissioner Pirozzi made a motion that District Mileage reimbursement for 2017 will be Federal legal rate of \$.535. If Federal rate increases or decreases, District rate will be adjusted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hellberg. All in favor.

Secretary T. Anderson read letter received from Fire Department with nomination results of December 15, 2016. Nominations: Chief M.Gianmugnai, 1st Assistant Chief L.Kaiser, 2nd Assistant Chief W.Phillips as requested by Board of Commissioners to nominate the positions of 5-22-30; 5-22-31; 5-22-32.

Motion by Commissioner LoBocchiaro to accept Chief M.Gianmugnai, seconded by Commissioner Hellberg. Board polled board approves.

Motion by Commissioner Hellberg to accept Chief L.Kaiser seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Board polled board approves

Motion by Commissioner Brooks to accept Chief W.Phillips. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pirozzi. Board polled board approves

Motion made by Commissioner Pirozzi to Grandfather the following Ridge Fire Department members: P. Cuti, J. DeMeo, D. Evans, S. Lenz, P. Travers, E. Deal, W. Schwabe, C.Bonti, M. Barone, R.Guarisco, B.Nowak, T.J.Balzarini, P.Alker, J.Sibbald, R.Siebenhar, R.Berard, T.Ailman, M.Kolarik residing outside of District lines for the year 2017 with understanding that the Board of Commissioners will not accept more than 25% of membership out of District, exception will be made for Rescue only. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hellberg. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner LoBocchiaro to use Richard Shure as District architects seconded by Commissioner Brooks. All in favor

Motion by Commissioner LoBocchiaro to set the Budget hearing to be held October 17th, 2017 the third Tuesday of October, seconded by Commissioner Pirozzi all in favor board approves.

Motion to adjourn at 7:38pm by Commissioner LoBocchiaro, seconded by Commissioner Brooks, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

**Teresa Anderson
Secretary**