

Fire Island Pines Fire District

FIPPOA Fall Membership Meeting Report

September 17, 2011

The Fire Island Pines Fire District continued to remain busy this season, with its management of the Fire Island Pines Fire Department facilities and purchases. The Board of Fire Commissioners has continued its ongoing policy of using reserve monies for capital purchases whenever possible. General maintenance of the firehouse buildings and grounds has been ongoing. This has included the installation of a security system, heating and air conditioning of the Commissioners Room, Chiefs Room and Communications Room. Also, included were a new kitchen door and the replacement of decking and wooden walkways.

The Districts Truck Committee, under the direction of Commissioner Doug Teague, has been working on the replacement/purchasing of aging district vehicles. The District has already replaced 5-28-9 (Van) with a Ford Excursion formerly used by the East Islip Fire District. In addition, 5-28-6 (Chiefs Cart) has been replaced with a new Motrec Stand-up Rear Driven Cart. The following acquisitions are still pending:

- Replace 5-28-4 (Class A Pumper). This vehicle is over thirty years old and the district voters approved a proposition in the amount of \$350,000.00 at the fire district election in July. The Board intends to finance this purchase over a period of ten years. The original specifications for 5-28-1 (Class A Pumper), with the necessary modifications to comply with new fire standards will be used.
- Replace 5-28-7 (Utility Vehicle) with an all-terrain, equipment carrying beach vehicle. The committee is researching an ASAP vehicle, the Wild Fire Unit. This is also a Rapid Intervention Unit and potentially would be a first response unit for Water Island, our fire protection district.

The District maintains a web site, fipfd.org, which is up-to-date with District information. Go to the site for meeting schedules, list of Board members, special announcements, election notices and posting of the yearly budget.

At the July District Election, Richard Barry was elected Fire Commissioner in the Fire Island Pines Fire District to a five-year term. He will take over for out-going Fire Commissioner and Chairman of the Board Nicole LaFontaine who is retiring after giving many years of service to the Fire Island Pines Fire District and the Pines Community. Also elected at the July District Election, Mark Ski was elected Fire Commissioner to a one-year term. He will take over for Fire Commissioner Mike Hartstein who was appointed this past January to fill the vacancy left by former Fire Commissioner Judy Perez. Richard Barry and Mark Ski will be sworn in and assume their duties at the January 2012 Organizational Meeting.

The 2012 District Budget has been prepared by Commissioner LaFontaine, Chair of the Budget/Records Committee with input from the members of the Board and Fire District Treasurer Allison Leigh-Manuell. The proposed Budget was approved at the September 10th meeting. The annual Budget Hearing for the Fire District will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 5-6 p.m. in the firehouse. A special Ferry has been arranged at 6:15 p.m. to transport those coming to the Hearing back to Sayville. A 2012 Budget Review is also scheduled for Sunday, October 9, 2011 from 1-2 p.m. in the firehouse for anyone interested. The proposed 2012 Budget will be posted on our web site, fipfd.org, for review. Printed copies will be available in Commissioner Teague's office, 36 Fire Island Boulevard, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Copies will also be available in Commissioner LaFontaine's office, 27 Fire Island Boulevard, Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Fire Island Pines Board of Fire Commissioners

Nicole LaFontaine (Chair), Mark Basta, Joseph Geiman, Michael Hartstein and Doug Teague, Commissioners

Jerry Hauck, Secretary

Allison Leigh-Manuell, Treasurer