

Meeting was called to order October 23, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. John Boyle, Jr. opened the meeting under the open public meeting guidelines.

Roll Call:

Robert Cromer - absent
Robert Holmes – present
Ian Thompson – absent
John Boyle, Jr. – present
Derek DeLuca - present

After the flag salute and moment of silence, the minutes of the September 25, 2025 meeting. Robert Holmes motioned to approve the minutes Derek DeLuca seconded.

Communications:

Flyer for Surface Ice rescue tech level 1 and 2 – Bayport Fire Department, Suffolk County, NY
Email received from NJ Natural Gas asking for a copy of the fire district’s fundraising letter

Insurance Report:

Beneficiary cards being worked on for new members and/or updates of current members

Legal Report:

Attorney Sendzik has reached out to Jessup for special election; will reach out regarding referendum.

Capital Projects will need a 6-9 meeting. Will use paper ballots for hearing.

Accountant Report:

Holman is working on the audit. John Boyle, Jr. stated the board is not happy with the auditor, they do not return phone calls or emails. District has not heard anything since August.

Financial Report:

Derek DeLuca reviewed the list of bills for the month, Robert Holmes motioned to approve and pay all bills, Derek DeLuca seconded. Roll call vote, all in favor. Will hold hydrant bill.

Committees:

Trucks:

P.M. items being worked on

New Truck:

Tanker: Anticipated completion May/June, chassis ready to start

New Tower - Anticipated delivery 2027, pre-con meeting made a few minor adjustments.

Equipment:

Radios:

Fire Police: There are 4 members answering calls; Bayshore Chief's are trying to formalize a Fire Police group, looking for someone to head it.

New Building/Garage:

There was an approved change order for generator, the p.o. hasn't been issued yet, the approved generator is undersized, John Boyle, Jr. would like a motion to cancel the previously approved change order and replace with a larger generator.

2 prices on larger generator; Cummings Diesel, with fuel tank, 24 hour backup, 300KW, install and set up \$153,741.00, Modern Power generator, 350KW, \$155,780.00, level 2 sound and enclosure \$2,900.00.

\$68,000.00 was previously approved, \$100,000 difference for entire building generator.

Robert Holmes motioned to cancel previous change, Derek DeLuca seconded, roll call vote, Robert Holmes yes, Derek DeLuca yes, John Boyle, Jr. yes, Robert Cromer, absent, Ian Thompson, absent.

The current \$750,000.00 referendum includes an extra \$100,00.00 and the increase in generator cost would use up that excess, would like to increase referendum to \$850,000.00 or \$900,000.00.

Discussion on time frame and increase in cost. John Boyle, Jr. feels the generator is a necessity, with an electric heat building, no generator, no heat in the event of an outage. Could change over to gas, however, cost would probably be the same. There are no excess funds anywhere.

Sprinkler system – issue with the township inspector, due to size, only allowed 36 by code. The building is required to have a sprinkler system. Cost of change not to be taken out of the current anticipated \$750,00.00 referendum budget. Worst case scenario, cost \$38,300.00, discussion on changes needed, since the \$68,000 which was set aside for the generator change order that was just canceled, could this money come from that. Attorney Sendzik advised it could be done as a change order. John Boyle, Jr. motioned for a change order not to exceed \$38,300.00 for the sprinkler system, Robert Holmes seconded, roll call vote, John Boyle, Jr – yes, Robert Holmes – yes, Derek DeLuca – yes, Robert Cromer – absent, Ian Thompson – absent.

1st floor is 85% sheet rocked, started 2nd floor. All duct work hangers are hung in 2nd floor and part of 1st floor.

Issued payment to JCP&L, scheduled for transformer to be installed, placement has been approved through design phase.

Robert Holmes discussed the need for members to get the word out to vote for the referendum.

Building and Grounds:

Not much to report, floor being installed this week.

Future of the District:

Contract with Fire Company and Board expires this year. Need new contract for budget.

LOSAP: No report

HYDRANT: No report

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Chiefs Report:

54 Calls for the month
20 members attended swift water tech training
Had standby for Keyport
Training is going strong
RJ Smith will be away 10/25 – 11/1/2025

Presidents Report:

John Boyle, Sr. asked if a rider was needed for insurance for Swift Water, was advised no, discussion on possible swift water rescue truck, advised that the first aid is down a vehicle at this time.

Comments from the Floor: None

Robert Holmes motioned to adjourn the meeting Derek DeLuca seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cromer