

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for March 12, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for March 12, 2008 was convened by Chairman Deegan at 7:35 pm.

In attendance were Comrs. Buonassisi, Deegan, Hoffarth, Nicoletti, Chief King, Asst. Chief Oudheusden, Financial Consultant Joe Butler, Deputy-Treasurer Matranga and Secretary-Treasurer Ciancio.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Hoffarth/Buonassisi to accept the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for February 13, 2008 as read. MC.

Correspondence: 1) A thank you card from the Nicoletti family; 2) A letter from the Valhalla Fire Co. #1 accepting the resignation of Edward Longo in good standing.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/Buonassisi to accept as read the Treasurer's Report, the bills submitted for payment be approved, and transfers executed. MC.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

	HVB	Chase
Balance Forward	\$ 2,974.37	\$1,228.73
Deposits	\$ 5,294.80	\$ 0.00
Transfers	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00
Voided Check	\$ 0.00	\$ 146.28
Vouchers	\$10,414.26	\$1,375.01
Transfers	\$ 1,375.01	\$ 0.00
Bank Charges	\$ 31.50	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 4,198.42	\$ 0.00

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

	HVB
Regular Checking	\$ 4,198.42
Fire District Money Market	\$ 93,097.04
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$720,687.37
Building Reserve Money Market	\$ 89,146.21
Repair Reserve Money Market	<u>\$ 33,256.40</u>
TOTAL	\$940,385.44

CHECKS: (Chase)

4876 Valhalla Fire District	\$1,375.01
TOTAL:	\$1,375.01

CHECKS: (HVB)

1030	NYS Dept of Transportation	\$	100.00
1031	Verizon	\$	77.09
1032	Verizon Wireless	\$	121.30
1033	AAA Emergency	\$	777.18
1034	Charles Stotz, Inc.	\$	197.19
1035	Michael G. Grieco	\$	450.00
1036	Xerox Corporation	\$	199.65
1037	Town of Greenburgh	\$	1,086.25
1038	Con Edison	\$	715.01
1039	Comptroller	\$	593.73
1040	Efficiency Printing Co.	\$	198.50
1041	Hummel & Butler CPAs	\$	1,753.35
1042	Sunoco	\$	146.44
1043	Shell Oil Co.	\$	68.47
1044	Assoc. of FD of Westchester	\$	400.00
1045	Verizon	\$	30.17
1046	Anthony Impelluso	\$	199.00
1047	Michael Fox	\$	280.00
1048	Exxon/Mobil	\$	69.53
1049	Marcos Castro	\$	350.00
1050	Nextel Communication	\$	369.20
1051	Cablevision	\$	29.95
1052	Elmsford Fire Dept.	\$	360.00 (voided)
1053	Anthony Ciancio	\$	29.25
1054	North Star Medical Group	\$	913.00
1055	Woodhouse Tree Service	\$	350.00
1056	Dave's Glass	\$	550.00
	TOTAL:		\$10,414.26

TRANSFERS:

FROM: Money Market Acct #1003078601
TO: Checking Acct #1003077801 \$5,000.00

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/Buonassisi to accept the Chief's Report as read. MC. Activity Report for February 2008: 27 alarms for 429 man hours; 3 dept. drills for 140 man hours; 8 Co. drills for 119 man hours; 2 meetings for 146 man hours; 10 trainings for 109 hours; 5 misc. for 128 man hours. TOTAL: 1,071 man hours.

Chief King reported that on February 23rd 9 members of the Engine Co. attended the Elmsford seminar; on February 28th Chief King met with Chief Gasparre, Fire Inspector Caputo and administrators of Westchester Medical Center on the increase in false alarms at WMC – it was agreed that a committee to address WMC problems and concerns would

be formed; on March 4th Chief King and Asst. Chief Oudheusden attended a meeting at Westchester Medical Center regarding a fire in the Taylor Care Center and Knox Box applications; Thornwood is hosting a drill at 950 Broadway aka World's Gym in March; Valhalla's Inspection Dinner at Travler's Rest on May 31 is cancelled because Hawthorne's Dinner is the same night – Valhalla may reschedule for June 14th if possible; Dual Response changes went into effect March 3rd and are working well; there will be a walk-thru at 10 Dana Rd to satisfy the yearly requirement of the Grasslands Contract.

Chairman Deegan asked if Hawthorne sent any reps to the meeting at Ruth Taylor, and commented it is very disappointing they did not – Chief King said they did not have any reps there.

Comr. Buonassisi reported that the recall issue on the Durango was taken care of; inspections on the Crown Victoria and Van were done.

Comr. Nicoletti reported on February 24th Kirk Baker II injured his hands, went to the Medical Center for treatment and was released; 15 nametags were ordered for uniforms.

Comr. Hoffarth reported the 1st Grasslands payment was received; dual response changes went into effect; Scott Campbell of Campbell Supply called very upset regarding a letter he received from Bill Young on the overdue bills the District would like to settle and pay; Michael Fox, Sr. went from interior to exterior firefighter; letters were sent requesting grants for a fire trailer (\$25,000) and a boat; portable trunk radios will arrive in 1 week; letters have been sent to the Senator Cousins and Assemblyman Brodsky on consolidation; new cell phones were installed on E-82, 83, R-9, TL-49 & U-33; attended a meeting at North White Plains Community Center regarding a traffic study done on the Kensico Dam road closure – protocols are in the process for emergency vehicles to go over the Dam; attended a meeting regarding the establishment of a meeting quarterly on Westchester Medical Center; met with Legislator Nonna about Westchester Medical Center concerns; he received 2 subpoenas for Anthony Ciancio and Roger King to appear in court on April 4 at 1:30pm regarding Romeo Toro; Kevin Nethercott sent Red Alert reports to the State; Utica Insurance renewal shows a cost increase – ESIP has solicited the District – they would save the District \$8,000, have better coverage, an excellent risk management program, would cover back through 3/1/08 – dividends for last year would still be received from Utica if the District switched to ESIP.

Chairman Deegan thanked Asst. Chief Oudheusden for agreeing to learn and to use the new SunPro system - he would like to streamline the process for inputting information into the new system; he is in the process of sending the Actuary Report received to Ameriprise.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/Nicoletti to switch insurance carriers from Utica National to ESIP effective 3/1/08. MC.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners, in accordance with Section 77-b of the General Municipal Law, has considered the needs of the fire district and has approved attendance by the following Fire Commissioners, District Officers, District Employees, or Chiefs at the following conferences:

Commissioners Hoffarth, Nicoletti, and McCarthy to the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York Annual Meeting, Henrietta, New York, 5/1/08 – 5/4/08.

This resolution was made by Comrs. Hoffarth/Nicoletti. MC

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners, in accordance with Section 77-b of the General Municipal Law, has considered the needs of the fire district and has approved attendance by the following Fire Commissioners, District Officers, District Employees, or Chiefs at the following conferences:

Commissioners Hoffarth, Nicoletti, McCarthy, and Deegan, Chief King and A/C Ouheusden to the Firehouse Expo, Baltimore, MD, 7/23/08 – 7/26/08.

The motion to approve this resolution was made by Comrs. Hoffarth/Nicoletti. MC.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners finds such attendance of the listed personnel to relate to official business and be in the public interest and directs that such travel be undertaken by such personnel at district expense in accordance with the travel expense policy of the district and that district staff is directed to make arrangements for travel and lodging utilizing a cost-effective and reasonable method of travel and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that such personnel furnish proof to the Board of Fire Commissioners of attendance at such conference or convention in accordance with such proofs as provided by the organization sponsoring and conducting the conference or convention.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Hoffarth/Buonassisi to permit two District officials (Comr. Nicoletti and Deputy-Treasurer Matranga) to attend the Teleconference on 3/13/08. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/Buonassisi to approve the resignation of Ed Longo in good standing. MC.

Asst. Chief Oudheusden reported that he does not feel the required twice per year Department meetings are necessary – he asked if it could be up to the Chief's discretion to hold the meetings. Comr. Hoffarth noted the meetings are in place to keep the lines of communication open between the upper and lower levels of the Departments, to keep members up to date on any District/Department events, but that the Board would look at the by-laws to determine if any revisions could be made for the April meeting.

With no other business to come before the Board of Fire Commissioners, it was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/Buonassisi to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. MC.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Ciancio
District Secretary-Treasurer