

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for April 9, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for April 9, 2008 was convened by Chairman Deegan at 7:33 pm.

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

Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence was held for fallen fireman and military personnel.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti /Buonassisi to accept the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for March 12, 2008 as read. MC.

Correspondence: 1) A letter from Hudson Valley Bank re the purchase of Bear Stearns by JP Morgan Chase.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$ 4,198.42
Deposits	\$ 5,840.50
Transfers	\$15,000.00
Voided Check	\$ 360.00
Vouchers	\$21,337.72
Bank Charges (reversed)	\$ 31.50
Bank Charges (charged)	<u>\$ 23.75</u>
Closing Balance	\$ 4,068.95

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

	HVB
Regular Checking	\$ 4,068.95
Fire District Money Market	\$ 78,290.05
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$721,742.23
Building Reserve Money Market	\$ 89,268.22
Repair Reserve Money Market	<u>\$ 33,321.72</u>
TOTAL	\$926,691.17

PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST:

Service Award Program – DBP	\$344,730.07
Service Award Program – DCP	<u>\$413,479.43</u>
TOTAL	\$758,209.50

CHECKS: (HVB)

1057	Westchester County CCE	\$ 30.00
1058	American Express	\$ 490.38
1059	Elmsford Fire Dept.	\$ 270.00
1060	Verizon	\$ 137.47
1061	Verizon Wireless	\$ 100.62
1062	AAA Emergency	\$ 7,345.10
1063	Charles Stotz, Inc.	\$ 30.36
1064	Michael G. Grieco	\$ 395.00
1065	Xerox Corporation	\$ 199.65
1066	Berger Hardware	\$ 98.04
1067	Con Edison	\$ 801.28
1068	Comptroller	\$ 421.45
1069	Roberts Company, Inc.	\$ 327.00
1070	MTA – Metro North	\$ 3.00
1071	International Association	\$ 190.00
1072	Receiver of Taxes	\$ 1,780.55
1073	Hummel & Butler CPA's	\$ 464.84
1074	Sunoco	\$ 280.69
1075	Shell Oil Co.	\$ 261.56
1076	NYS Dept of Transportation	\$ 100.00
1077	Verizon	\$ 29.36
1078	Exxon/Mobil	\$ 141.50
1079	Jeff Studer	\$ 935.00
1080	Nextel Communications	\$ 542.12
1081	Cablevision	\$ 29.95
1082	Kristen Ciancio	\$ 1,273.30
1083	AFD of the State of NY	\$ 180.00
1084	Safe Deposit Box Center	\$ 35.50
1085	A Preferred Lock & Door	\$ 344.00
1086	Harbridge Consulting Group	\$ 3,810.00
1087	Loving Moments Florist	\$ 150.00
1088	Fen Bar Precision	\$ 60.00
1089	George's Mini Mart	<u>\$ 80.00</u>
	TOTAL:	<u>\$21,337.72</u>

TRANSFERS:

FROM: Money Market Acct #1003078601
TO: Checking Acct #1003077801 \$15,000.00

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/Hoffarth to accept the Chief's Report as read. MC. Activity Report for March 2008: 23 alarms for 309 man hours; 3 dept. drills for 145 man hours; 8 Co. drills for 170 man hours; 2 meetings for 108 man hours; 15 trainings for 249 hours; 3 misc. for 11 man hours. TOTAL: 992 man hours.

Chief King reported the Quad Districts attended a drill on 3/30 at the Fire Training Center in the Burn Room; Chiefs King and Oudhuesden and Comr. Hoffarth attended the first meeting of the Grasslands Taskforce – on 4/3 at 7pm there will be a drill in Labs & Research; 4/19 a Boy Scout troop will take a tour of the Valhalla Fire Co #1; on 5/15 at 7:30 pm will be a Department meeting and the Independent Fire Company; verbal contacts for the bands for the parades has been made; the Inspection dinner will be a clam bake held on 6/7 at Valhalla Fire Co #1 – requested copies of the invitation list and last year's invitations; on 4/4 appeared in Greenburgh Town court regarding subpoena on Romeo Toro –signed off on the issue of a forged Valhalla Fire District ID card and will most likely will have to make at least one more appearance; received a letter from the County offering a bay station microphone for the new trunk radio instead of the handheld – he has contacted them and will be picking it up; 1st quarter Grassland report were turned in.

Comr. Nicoletti expressed concern that an outdoor clam bake might be awkward considering it is right in view of the town's residents. Comr. Hoffarth is concerned about exposing members to public view/scrutiny since Fire Districts are now being watched over more so than ever. It was suggested to try to get permission from Holy Name Church to have it outside behind the school or anywhere else that would be out of public view.

Comr. Buonassisi reported progress; the roof at 330 Columbus Ave was going to be looked at on 4/14; Ruscon would like to see Rescue 9 on 4/15.

Comr. Nicoletti reported progress.

Comr. Deegan reported A.C. Oudhuesden has been working with the new SunPro system but found it is more time consuming than Red Alert – in June it will be assessed if others can take part in inputting information; he has spoken to various vendors regarding barcoding the handheld equipment so it can be scanned; he thanked the members of the Investment Committee for meeting on issues regarding information sharing on the Service Award – it was decided to have Cheryl Johnson, our Investment Advisor, in May so she can discuss the current status and future of the Service Award Program – there were modifications made to the Investment Policy which will be presented in the meeting with Cheryl.

Financial Consultant Butler reported he spoke with Investment Advisor - Cheryl Johnson, Actuary - Jerry Heaton, Auditors - O'Connor Davies, Munns & Dobbins regarding benefits for Eben Turnure Sr. which has been rectified; the Actuary also worked on an expected benefit in the next 2-3 years of what members are going to get what payout for investment purposes, per Cheryl's request; the Actuary also proposed some amendments to the trust agreements with the Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Plans which will be discussed at the next investment workshop; according to the State Controller's Office, the audits need to be done by 3/31/08 – the Auditors said it would be impossible for them to comply with that date – a bill will be passed which permits the Service Award Audit be permitted to be completed in the first 270 days of the given year; the Auditors will do the Service Award Audit at the same time as the District Audit – it will be an audit of the NYS Report; the audit will take place over an estimated five days with two people.

Comr. Hoffarth reported the reservations for Baltimore have been made; six trunk radios have been installed on the apparatus and will come up with the identifiers – thanked AC Oudhuesden for his work with ESS; replaced cell phones on apparatus and they are working; submitted Andy Campbell's name to the State Association to be put on the Memorial Service this year; all information has been sent for the Annual Meeting – Comrs. Hoffarth, Nicoletti and McCarthy will be attending; State Report was sent to the Town Clerk; Comrs' Hoffarth and Deegan are following up on certification for TL-49; Chief King addressed ID card issue and Safety Officer Ciancio addressed stealing of materials when subpoenaed to Greenburgh Town Court for Romeo Toro – ADA says the case will go before a Grand Jury and S.O. Ciancio will have to appear; Chief King received a letter from the County on the County wishing to start an investment pool for municipal governments including fire districts – it has been forwarded to Bill Young for his opinion; no water bill has been received in the past 18 months due to an overpayment; 1st quarter Report has been sent to Grasslands; 1st task force meeting raised the issues of Labs & Research and Beechwood Hall – another meeting will be held in May in preparation for a larger meeting at WMC; County Legislator Nonna notified Comr. Hoffarth that the County Police Director recommended to the DEP that the Department will not need ID cards and should not be inspected if emergency vehicles go over the Kensico Dam; the treasurer's bond has been increased to \$1.5 million; the check has been received back from the former Actuary who has been terminated; it was suggest at the most recent teleconference that both sides of the check be sent by the bank; hand-lights were repaired on E-83; diesel fuel is expensive – the bill from Hawthorne was almost \$2,000; insurance policy for 330 Columbus Ave was undervalued and raised to \$1.1 million – each of the Companies will be reviewed under the policy as well; a meeting needs to be set with Scott Campbell of Campbell Supply to try to settle outstanding bills; Kevin Nethercott sent State Reports; Inspection for Pound Ridge will be on 4/26 and Thornwood will be held on 5/3; most of the hose is good, but may fail in the testing – get 1 good hose rack for 330 Columbus Ave; County Meeting will be in Hawthorne; Quad District Meeting will be on 4/14 at Hawthorne; when VFC #1 Scott Pak tests were done, approximately 18-20 harnesses needed to be replace at a cost of \$345 per pack.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/Buonassisi to replace 18-20 harnesses on the Scott Paks for VFC #1 at a cost of \$345 each, not to exceed \$7,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Hoffarth/Buonassisi to purchase 30 new Minitor V pagers at a cost of \$11,190.60 which is in the project budget for this year under the Monroe County Contract. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Hoffarth/Nicoletti to purchase a new set of cutters from State Line Fire & Safety at a cost of \$9,603.00. This was purchased from State Line since they are the regional distributor for Lukas. MC.

Deputy-Treasurer Matranga raised the issue that the tax bill makes the District look bad – the tax bill shows an \$80k certiorari for 2007.

With no other business to come before the Board of Fire Commissioners, it was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/ Nicoletti to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. MC.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Ciancio
District Secretary-Treasurer