

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for May 14, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for May 14, 2008 was convened by Chairman Deegan at 7:31 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, military personnel and the Poidimani family.

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 April 9, 2008 as read. MC.

Correspondence: 1) A letter from the Town of Mt. Pleasant informing the Board that the zero water bill balance is correct; 2) A letter from DES requesting the Board sign and return a copy of the new agreement between Westchester County and the Valhalla Fire District for the Provision of Personal Protective Equipment to better respond to Weapons of Mass Destruction; 3) A letter from Valhalla Fire Co #1 accepting new member Pat Quinlivan; 4) A letter from Senator Stewart-Cousins informing the Board their request for \$10,000 has been granted; 5) A letter from Valhalla Fire Co #1 accepting the resignation of Michael Wolfe in good standing.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/Nicoletti to accept the application for membership of Pat Quinlivan pending his physical. MC.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Balance Forward	\$ 4,068.95
Deposits	\$ 1,213.23
Transfers	\$53,000.00
Transfers	\$ 9,309.40
Vouchers	\$54,050.94
Bank Charges (charged)	\$ 24.89
Transfer to DBP	<u>\$ 9,309.40</u>
Closing Balance	\$ 4,206.35

**STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:**

	HVB
Regular Checking	\$ 4,206.35
Fire District Money Market	\$ 638,307.20
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$ 723,055.56
Building Reserve Money Market	\$ 89,421.88
Repair Reserve Money Market	<u>\$ 33,372.25</u>
TOTAL	\$1,488,363.24

**PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST:**

Service Award Program – DBP	\$350,471.86
Service Award Program – DCP	<u>\$420,465.96</u>
TOTAL	\$770,937.82

**CHECKS: (HVB)**

1090 Verizon	\$ 138.60
1091 Verizon Wireless	\$ 92.91
1092 AAA Emergency	\$ 3,774.00
1093 Hawthorne Fire District	\$ 1,944.32
1094 Xerox Corporation	\$ 199.65
1095 Staples Credit Plan	\$ 59.99
1096 Town of Greenburgh	\$ 1,086.25
1097 Con Edison	\$ 370.42
1098 Comptroller	\$ 403.60
1099 Hummel & Butler CPAs	\$ 514.28
1100 Valhalla Fire Co #1	\$ 8,785.00
1101 Independent Fire Co.	\$ 8,485.50
1102 Dean A. Huszar	\$ 180.00
1103 Sunoco	\$ 161.55
1104 Shell Oil Co.	\$ 277.64
1105 NYS Dept of Transportation	\$ 210.00
1106 Verizon	\$ 30.33
1107 Perfect Computer	\$ 400.00
1108 Exxon/Mobil	\$ 101.33
1109 American Express	\$ 2,868.84
1110 Nextel Communications	\$ 414.82
1111 Michael Deegan	\$ 188.43
1112 Cablevision	\$ 29.95
1113 Anthony Ciancio	\$ 13.50
1114 Grainger	\$ 29.48
1115 Vincenzo Moschetto	\$ 385.69
1116 TZB Music	\$ 1,000.00
1117 State Line Fire & Safety	\$ 9,603.00
1118 Michael Alfero	\$ 94.03

1119	NcNeil & Company, Inc.	\$11,207.83
1120	TZB Music	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$54,050.94

**TRANSFERS:**

FROM:	Money Market Acct #1003078601	
TO:	Checking Acct #1003077801	\$53,000.00

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Service Award DBP

FROM:	Checking Acct #1003077801	
TO:	Checking Acct #1003082441	\$ 9,309.40

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/Hoffarth to accept the Chief's Report as read. MC. Activity Report for April 2008: 30 alarms for 519 man hours; 2 dept. drills for 96 man hours; 9 Co. drills for 155 man hours; 2 meetings for 82 man hours; 9 trainings for 120 hours; 4 misc. for 11 man hours; 1 stand-by for 72 man hours.  
TOTAL: 1,055 man hours.

Chief King reported that on 4/12 the Cub Scouts received a tour of the Engine Co #1; on 5/3 he and an officer attended Thornwood's Inspection; on 5/4 both companies attended the 5K Run for the Mt. Pleasant Police Dept. and directed traffic; picked up the hands-free microphone for the radio system; 5/15 will be a Department meeting at the Independent Firehouse; 5/18 Valhalla Ambulance Corp is having Health Day and the Department may be participating with them; 5/22 there will be a Department drill at Labs & Research as part of the Grasslands Contract; 5/26 Memorial Day the Department will be participating in the parade and all apparatus will be used – later in the day will be grave visitations which the van will be used; 5/27 will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Task Force meeting; 5/30 the Department will be attending the Pleasantville Parade along with 2 pieces of apparatus from each Company with 1 piece from each Company returning immediately after the parade; 6/7 will be the Valhalla Fire District's Inspection Dinner at Spadafino's Restaurant – menu is complete, waiting on invitations and programs; received both Firefighter I books back from the Raffertys; Steve Burke resigned as Safety Officer from VFC #1 and would like to recommend John Baker to replace him; van and spare Chief's car were used for the wake & funeral of Joseph Poidimani – Hudson Valley Crisis Intervention Team was called to talk to the members who may have been affected by his death; thanked the Board for the use of the District vehicles and Stotz for the use of the buses; requested insurance certificates for Company picnic and Xerox machine contract; Car 2481 needs an inspection and oil change; members of the Department that joined after the names were submitted to the Town of Mt. Pleasant for pool passes need to be added.

Comr. Nicoletti requested the return of breast badge E-34.

Comr. Hoffarth asked the Chief about the Bereavement Counseling process. Chief King affirmed the person from Hudson Valley Crisis Team was experienced and trained in bereavement counseling and all he had to do was contact 60 Control to have them come to the District.

Comr. Buonassisi reported the roof and overhangs both need to be repaired and the roof also needs to be painted – one estimate received was \$10,100, waiting on two more.

Comr. Nicoletti reported one injury on 4/23 – Eric Lester complained of chest pains, was transported to WMC, treated and released.

Comr. Deegan reported the Investment Committee of the Service Award will be having their meeting in May in NYC – Cheryl Johnson will also be attending.

Comr. Hoffarth reported a grant for \$6,500 for a boat and \$10,000 for cutters were approved; Quad District meeting with Town Supervisor Meehan was disappointing – he said no to most requests; letter to Comr. Jackson on alarms at Grasslands for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter was sent; TL-49 certification was received; Code of Ethics was received from the Independent Fire Co; received a letter on the water bill; yellow book audit is in the process of being done; 2<sup>nd</sup> payment for Grasslands has been sent; no law has been passed to subtract taxes from diesel and regular fuel used for District vehicles – there is a form to be filled out to receive the tax money back – Deputy Treasurer has done it and money has been returned to the District; Andy Campbell was acknowledged at the Memorial Service in Rochester – there is a Mass Card and candle for the family from the Association; 30 new pagers have been received and will be distributed; a letter was sent to John Salandra on the fuel taxes; a study was done on the cost of volunteer hours – in NY a volunteer hour is worth \$26.18 – in 2007, according to District reports, there were 16,156 hours of donated time for a total of \$422,964.00, which the taxpayers did not have to pay; R-9 bills from Ruscon need to be resolved; need a meeting with Campbell Supply to resolve outstanding bills; A/C Oudhuesden is working on the hose issue at VFC #1; order has been put in for new harnesses; A/C Oudhuesden will get the radio in the spare Chief's car working; State Reports for 2007 have been sent; Chief and A/C cars need inspections; rooms need to be cancelled for Baltimore for anyone not attending; letter with Service Award statements should include a form to update beneficiary information.

Comr. Deegan thanked Comr. Hoffarth for taking the time to put together the proposals to receive the grants for the boat and cutters.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Hoffarth/Nicoletti to accept the resignation of Michael Wolfe in good standing. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Hoffarth/Nicoletti to authorize signature of the IMA from Westchester County DES between DES and Valhalla Fire District. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Hoffarth/Nicoletti to approve the letter of engagement from O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins to perform the Service Award Audits for 2007 at a cost of \$4,000.00. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Hoffarth/Buonassisi to allow two pieces of apparatus from each Company, with one returning to each company immediately after the parade, and Cars 2481 and 2482 to attend the Pleasantville Parade on May 30, 2008. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/Nicoletti that a Achilles Rescue Boat be purchased at a cost of \$6,665.00 from Pro-Skipper Marina from the 2008 Project Account. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Hoffarth/Nicoletti to appoint John Baker as Safety Officer until December 31, 2008, replacing Steve Burke. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/Buonassisi to authorize the Inspection Dinner to be held at Spadafino's restaurant at a cost not to exceed \$80 per person and authorize the rental of a tent not to exceed \$1,000. MC.

Comr. Hoffarth expressed concern over the choice made where to hold the inspection dinner due to the fact that the cost increased since last year's by about \$20 per person, the economy is bad, and the State Comptroller's continued vigilance on these expenses. He also expressed concern over the new member that left Hawthorne in bad standing and was now accepted into Valhalla.

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 8:50 pm. MC.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Ciancio  
District Secretary-Treasurer