

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for June 11, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for June 11, 2008 was convened by Chairman Deegan at 7:30 pm.

In attendance were Comrs. Buonassisi, Deegan, McCarthy, Nicoletti, Chief King, Asst. Chief Oudhuesden, Financial Consultant Taran Larkin, and Secretary-Treasurer Ciancio.

Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence was held for fallen firemen 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 May 14, 2008 as read. MC.

Correspondence: 1) A letter from the Town of Mt. Pleasant informing the Board of a bill correction or refund that effect the District; 2) A letter from Assemblyman Richard Brodsky informing the Board of a \$6,000 grant for a Zodiac inflatable boat; 3) A letter from Elmsford Fire Department thanking the VFD for assistance given at the Red Fox Diner on 5/13; 4) A letter from NWP Fire Co. thanking Comr. Hoffarth for his letter regarding the volunteer fire and EMS partial tax exemption; 5) A letter from North Star Medical Group informing the Board they have corrected an error regarding payment received and issued a corrected bill; 6) A letter from Bill Young responding to an email regarding the Deputy Treasurer signing Service Award Program checks as well as the 5 trustees; 7) A letter from the Association of Fire Districts of the State of NY informing the Board they will send a letter to the Senate Transportation Committee regarding a bill which would exempt fire districts from the burden of having to apply for the refund of their fuel tax; 8) A letter from Valhalla Fire Company #1 enclosing a copy of Patrick Quinilivan's driver's license; 9) A letter from Independent Fire Co. accepting the application and reinstatement of former member Matthew Rutherford; 10) A letter from Valhalla Fire Co. #1 accepting the application and reinstatement of former member Bryan Strong.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Nicoletti to accept the application for membership of former member Matthew Rutherford and the acceptance for membership of former member Bryan Strong pending the completion of a physical if needed. MC.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$ 4,206.35
Deposits	\$14,035.76
Transfers	\$27,000.00
Vouchers	<u>\$30,615.00</u>
Closing Balance	\$14,627.11

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

	HVB
Regular Checking	\$ 14,627.11
Fire District Money Market	\$ 612,139.17
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$ 723,055.56
Building Reserve Money Market	\$ 89,421.88
Repair Reserve Money Market	<u>\$ 33,372.25</u>
TOTAL	\$1,472,615.97

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)

1121	Spadafino's Ristorante	\$ 1,000.00
1122	Verizon	\$ 77.66
1123	Verizon Wireless	\$ 92.65
1124	AAA Emergency	\$ 1,397.79
1125	Charles Stotz, Inc.	\$ 1,386.46
1126	Valhalla Deli	\$ 197.00
1127	Michael Grieco	\$ 350.00
1128	Motorola Inc.	\$11,190.00
1129	Xerox Corporation	\$ 199.65
1130	Berger Hardware	\$ 108.20
1131	Con Edison	\$ 483.76
1132	Comptroller	\$ 549.40
1133	The Journal News	\$ 49.56
1134	Hummel & Butler CPAs	\$ 2,611.48
1135	Independent Fire Co.	\$ 67.46
1136	Thomas McCarthy	\$ 350.00
1137	Dean A. Huszar	\$ 147.00
1138	Sunoco	\$ 112.85
1139	Shell Oil Co.	\$ 263.90

1140	Verizon	\$	30.27
1141	Campbell Supply Co.	\$	167.66
1142	Exxon/Mobil	\$	164.58
1143	Alpine Software Corp	\$	1,942.86
1144	Nextel Communication	\$	548.98
1145	Cablevision	\$	29.95
1146	Eugene Bratton	\$	108.88
1147	North Star Medical Group	\$	322.00
1148	ProSkipper Marina LLC	\$	<u>6,665.00</u>
	TOTAL:		\$30,615.00

TRANSFERS:

FROM: Money Market Acct #1003078601
TO: Checking Acct #1003077801 \$27,000.00

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/McCarthy to accept the Chief's Report as read. MC. Activity Report for May 2008: 26 alarms for 405 man hours; 3 dept. drills for 178 man hours; 11 Co. drills for 425 man hours; 4 meetings for 168 man hours; 8 trainings for 54 hours; 17 misc. for 593 man hours. TOTAL: 1,823 man hours.

Chief King reported there was a Department meeting on 5/15; 12 members participated in a walk-thru at the Labs & Research building on 5/22 fulfilling the requirement of the Grasslands Contract; 5/26 the Department participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Valhalla – band was paid and signed contracts were returned; 5/27 Comr. Hoffarth, Chief King and A/C Ouheusden attended the 2nd Grasslands Taskforce meeting to help communications between DES, WMC and the Department; 5/30 the Department attended the Pleasantville Parade; 5/31 Comr. McCarthy and Nicoletti and Chief King attended the Hawthorne Inspection; 6/7 was VFD's Inspection – the Chief thanked Comr. Nicoletti for his help; 6/9 A/C Oudheuden attended a meeting with the County Police regarding fireworks at the Kensico Dam on 7/3 – Chief King emailed the County requesting use of the gators and light towers on that night; A/C Oudheuden set up a class for members wanting to be trained as trailer gator operators on 6/25; firefighter Michael Owens would like permission to attend the EMT course at WCC.

Comr. Deegan thanked Chief King for all his work on the Inspection and all the members of both Companies on their many hours of work on preparing the apparatus.

Comr. McCarthy asked Chief King why more than one piece of apparatus is being sent on mutual aid calls. Chief King responded that the Department can handle sending one piece from each house as well as having sufficient manpower for the District.

Comr. McCarthy reported the passenger door handle on E-82 does not work from the outside; asks for insurance papers for copier for Valhalla Fire Co #1 which have not yet been received but are needed to lease the copier.

Comr. Nicolietti reported progress.

Comr. Buonassisi reported progress.

Comr. McCarthy did not agree with many points written in a letter to the President, Secretary and Captain of Valhalla Fire Co #1 with copies to the Board, after last month's Board meeting regarding accepting in new members at the Board meetings. Comr. Deegan responded by indicating that although the Board has historically always accepted members missing items required for membership pending the submission of all documents, it has become increasing more difficult to follow up on these missing documents and that all documents should be present on the night of the vote. Comr. Deegan went on to say that all documents should be present for the Board's review which is not an unreasonable requirement. Comr. McCarthy said that it was not the company's responsibility to insure all documents were present. Comr. Deegan acknowledged that several individuals are responsible that all documents be present, but that it is in the best interest of the applicant that his company follow up to make sure everything is in place for acceptance.

Comr. Deegan reported on the Service Award Program investment meeting in May with Investment Consultant Cheryl Johnson from Ameriprise. The investments were reviewed to ensure the policy was being followed. Cheryl reminded them that the investments were for the long-term. One of the outcomes of the meeting was the Investment Policy statements which were left for each of the Board members to review. Changes in the percentages in the investments were made.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Nicoletti to accept the Service Award Investment Policy for both the Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Plans as written. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/McCarthy to authorize Comr. Hoffarth to attend the Chief's Convention for one day. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Nicoletti to authorize Michael Owens to attend the EMT course at Westchester Community College subject to the rules and regulations of the Department for such a request. MC.

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 8:11 pm. MC.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Ciancio
District Secretary-Treasurer