

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for August 8, 2007.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for August 8, 2007 was convened by Chairman Hoffarth at 7:40 pm.

In attendance was Chairman Hoffarth, Comrs. Buonassisi, McCarthy, Nicoletti, Chief King, Financial Consultant Butler, and Secretary-Treasurer Ciancio.

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 July 11, 2007. MC.

Presentation by Dan Fato from F.D. Security Systems on a security system for 330 Columbus Avenue.

Correspondence: 1) A letter from O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins informing the Board they have accepted the Request for Proposal to do the yellow book audit for the District; 2) A letter from Comr. Anthony Sutton regarding a modifications to the County Contract wanted by Hawthorne FD; 3) A letter from Bill Young informing the Board he has received the code of ethics; 4) A letter from Fire Co #1 informing the Board they have elected a new 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., John Baker; 5) A letter from Independent Fire Co. informing the Board of new member Christopher Lester; 6) A letter and \$.50 from Sydney Butler for a copy of a requested NYS Fire Report from January 11, 2004; 7) 8)

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Buonassisi to accept the application for membership for Christopher Lester. MC.

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

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$ 5,629.65
Deposits	\$ 962.98
Transfers from MMkt	\$50,000.00
Vouchers	<u>\$53,591.25</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	\$ 3,001.38

#### STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

Regular Checking	\$ 3,001.38
Fire District Money Market	\$ 211,337.38
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$ 710,362.60
Building Reserve Money Market	\$ 87,072.77
Repair Reserve Money Market	<u>\$ 32,786.57</u>
TOTAL	\$1,044,560.70

CHECKS:

4643	Cardmember Service	\$ 107.70
4644	American Express	\$ 57.20
4645	Kenneth Hoffarth	\$ 4.00
4646	Verizon	\$ 79.12
4647	Verizon Wireless	\$ 122.55
4648	Charles Stotz, Inc.	\$ 291.80
4649	Xerox Corporation	\$ 199.65
4650	Cardmember Service	\$ 37.47
4651	Con Edison	\$ 299.40
4652	Utica National Ins. Group	\$ 4,521.00
4653	Michael Grieco	\$ 785.00
4654	Independent Fire Co.	\$ 166.37
4655	Staples Credit Plan	\$ 111.95
4656	Shell Oil Co	\$ 59.71
4657	Town of Greenburg	\$ 987.50
4658	New England Sportswear	\$ 440.85
4659	Comptroller	\$ 441.94
4660	Hummel & Butler, CPAs	\$ 4,240.00
4661	Campbell Supply Co.	\$ 180.00
4662	Valhalla Fire Co. #1	\$ 144.40
4663	Fire One	\$ 2,925.60
4664	Valhalla Garden Center	\$ 155.80
4665	Cablevision	\$ 29.95
4666	Sunoco	\$ 125.07
4667	Roger King	\$ 73.00
4668	The Gallery Collection	\$ 174.51
4669	North Star Medical Group	\$ 297.00
4670	NYS DOT	\$ 100.00
4671	Verizon	\$ 20.17
4672	High Mark Life Insurance	\$16,676.00
4673	Benedict, Cafagno & Grillo	\$ 2,955.00
4674	Westchester County CCE	\$ 75.00
4675	Exxon/Mobil	\$ 217.87
4676	Pitney Bowes	\$ 140.97
4677	Nextel Communications	\$ 254.90
4678	Anthony Ciancio	\$ 28.05
4679	Mt. Pleasant Water District	\$ 9,380.00
4680	TZB Music	\$ 1,000.00
4681	All Makes Pumps	\$ 4,983.00
4682	State Line Fire & Safety	<u>\$ 701.75</u>
	TOTAL	\$53,591.25

TRANSFERS:

TO:               Checking Acct #670-0672326  
FROM:            Money Market Acct #670-0184941   \$50,000.00

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/Nicoletti to accept Chief King's report as read. MC. Activity report for July 2007: 35 alarms for 684 man hrs; 4 Dept. drills for 134 man hrs; 3 Co. drills for 50 man hrs; 2 meetings for 103 man hrs; 4 trainings for 29 man hrs; 5 misc. for 143 man hours; 3 standby for 402 man hours. TOTAL: 1,565 man hrs.

Chief King reported that the Department did not attend the Mt. Kisco parade; both Companies attended the wake for Carolyn Brown; July 16<sup>th</sup> all Engines were pump tested, test results will be known later in the week; July 25<sup>th</sup> were the opening ceremonies for the Empire State Games – there were no traffic problems, although there was a fire during the games which Con Ed was dispatched to as stand-by which saved the Department a lot of time; on July 26<sup>th</sup> there was a bomb scare at Blythedale, the school and hospital were evacuated, it proved to be just a scare; also on July 26<sup>th</sup> while en route to Baltimore, Chief King had a minor accident with car 2481, a report has been filed; on July 29<sup>th</sup> a house on Thomas Pl. was hit by lightning – the exterior of the house was burning, but the fire was quickly extinguished; there are two drills planned at Westchester Medical Center for August; Chief King and Comr. Nicoletti met to discuss the Inspection Dinner invitations.

Comr. McCarthy reported that after the hose test was done, much of it failed. To purchase new hose to replace the failed, it can be purchased by the length or outfitting a whole hose-bed that would cost approximately \$11,000.00; AAA price quotes were less – it would be approximately 6 – 8 weeks to receive after ordering; he has received last year's budget and this year's proposal from the Captain – top of the priority was nozzles, halogen tools, and a gas meter; Engines 82 and 84 are waiting on being serviced by Campbell Supply; the generator at Fire Co. #1 has been paid for.

Comr. Nicoletti reported two minor incidents – on July 25<sup>th</sup> Firefighter Groenwegen reported that he pulled a muscle in his left shoulder as a result of laying and charging a water hose line, he did not wish to seek medical attention; on July 26<sup>th</sup> Chief King reported a minor accident and damage to car 2481 on its way to Baltimore.

Comr. Buonassisi reported the Crown Victoria was serviced, but it needs 2 tires; the air conditioning on the Jeep was serviced; there was recall on the Durango.

Chairman Hoffarth reported he requested inventories from both Captains by September 1st; he received certificates from County Legislature Swanson for all those that participated in storm work; worked on the group life insurance bill; listened to the presentation on security and waiting for other bids; he filled out additional paperwork for the FEMA grant; handling issues with the pages, most of which seem to be problems with the chargers, have been replaced; before issues with registration for car 2481 could be

resolved, more paperwork had to be signed at the dealer; radios were installed; Mike Grieco worked on the light system on car 2482; model code of ethics from FASNY was sent to both Companies; received engagement letter from O'Connor, Davies, Munns & Dobbins; a letter was sent to Mark's Towing; a letter was sent to the Mt. Pleasant Police Chief as a follow-up to the fireworks, but a response was not received; a letter was sent to Comr. Sutton regarding some issues with the County Contract; a letter was sent to Bill Young on the Service Award and the sale of the spare Chief's car; they are still trying to work on the Hawthorne meeting; a letter was sent to Bob Meehan on the hydrant contract that expires at the end of 2007; issues with State Reports have been corrected by Chief King and sent to the State and accepted for 2006; the title to Engine 84 has been received.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nicoletti/McCarthy to transfer ownership of the GEM car back to the Town of Mt. Pleasant. MC.

Chairman Hoffarth reported Blythedale is having a meeting with the Planning Board on September 6<sup>th</sup>. He suggested that some of the Board members attend.

Comr. McCarthy raised the issue of Rescue 9 being used as a FAST team apparatus instead of Utility 59. Chairman Hoffarth assured it was not the Board's responsibility to delegate which trucks are to be used at certain times. Utility 59 was purchased for haz-mat, special operations, and FAST team. Chief King agreed to reinforce to the Companies that the use of Utility 9 should be used by the FAST team, not Rescue 9.

Comr. McCarthy raised the issue that the Chief Mechanic is wearing a white shield which indicates being an officer. Chief King assured he would have the problem resolved.

Chairman Hoffarth reported the Teleconference on September 6<sup>th</sup>, which is the same night as the Blythedale meeting – Comr. McCarthy said he would attend.

Chairman Hoffarth announced a meeting for the Service Award on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and a budget meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/McCarthy to file a legal notice, and withdraw from the Capital Reserve Fund, not to exceed \$12,000.00 for the purchase of new hose. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/McCarthy to take two apparatus from each firehouse, and cars 2481 and 2482 to the Hawthorne parade. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Nicoletti to take out two ads at \$100.00 each for a Department ad and District ad in Hawthorne's Journal. MC.

It was moved on a motion by Comrs. Nicoletti/Buonassisi to accept the resignation of Seth Lederer in good standing. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/McCarthy for Fire Co #1 to use the truck room on the day of the Inspection. MC.

The Board agreed it would be a great idea for three more members to be trained on the Fit Test machine.

Chairman Hoffarth is going to send the code of ethics to those four members of Fire Co #1 who did not receive them. Chief King said Captain Bratton had received approximately eleven signed acknowledgements from members.

Chairman Hoffarth received an email from Captain Bratton regarding members not being able to schedule physicals at Family Medical Care. Chairman Hoffarth responded that all members have to say to schedule an appointment is that they need to schedule a physical for the Valhalla Fire Department and there will be no issue.

Chairman Hoffarth spoke to the Board about the overhangs on the building at 330 Columbus Avenue falling off and feels it should be addressed before the winter. The Board agreed.

Member Robert DelGreco joined the meeting to talk about having invitations printed for the Inspection dinner. The Board decided they would like two different invitations – for those that can bring guests, and those that are not.

With no other business to come before the Board, it was moved on a motion by Comrs. Nicoletti/Bounassisi to adjourn at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen M. Ciancio  
Secretary/Treasurer