

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for September 12, 2007.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for September 12, 2007 was convened by Chairman Hoffarth at 7:30 pm.

Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence was held for the victims of September 11th fallen fireman and military personnel.

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

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Buonasissi to take the meeting agenda out of order. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/McCarthy to accept the application for membership for Romeo Toro. MC.

Presentation by Sharon Spina and Anthony Mooremile from Hudson Valley Bank on their services and the possibility of moving District funds to Hudson Valley Bank.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/Buonassisi to accept the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for August 8, 2007. MC.

Correspondence: 1) A letter from Valhalla Ambulance Corps requesting the donation of a spare District vehicle; 2) A letter and \$.50 money order from Sydney Butler for a copy of a requested NYS Fire Report; 3) A letter from Town of Mt Pleasant informing the Board there will be no increases in hydrant rental agreement renewals; 4) A letter from Town of Mt Pleasant addressing the issues of illegal parking on Columbus Avenue the night of the July 3rd fireworks, installation of No Standing and No Parking signs; 5) A letter from Bill Young informing the Board there is no litigation presently pending or threatened, nor have any claims or assessments been made against the Valhalla Fire District; 6) A letter from AKRF Engineering informing the Board of modifications to the Water Distribution Plan for Blythedale Children's Hospital, and hydrant flow tests which have been performed; 7) A letter from Independent Fire Co informing the Board of new member Romeo Toro; 8) A letter from Independent Fire Co informing the Board of the resignations of Kyle Keegan, Donald Menzie, and Greg Pille in good standing; 9) A letter from Independent Fire Co requesting permission for use of the truck room at 14 Columbus Ave on October 13th; 10) A letter from Valhalla Fire Co #1 informing the Board of new member Marc Troiani.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/McCarthy to accept the application for membership for Marc Troiani pending an arson background check. MC.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$ 3,001.38
Deposits	\$22,892.89
Transfers from MMkt	\$23,000.00
Bank Error & Voided Check #4721	\$ 8,400.01
Vouchers	<u>\$51,772.09</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	\$ 5,522.19

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

Regular Checking	\$ 5,522.19
Fire District Money Market	\$ 189,194.35
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$ 713,077.37
Building Reserve Money Market	\$ 87,405.53
Repair Reserve Money Market	<u>\$ 32,872.33</u>
TOTAL	\$1,028,071.77

CHECKS:

4683	Hawthorne Fire District	\$ 200.00
4684	Exxon/Mobil	\$ 419.00
4685	American Express	\$ 1,718.24
4686	Verizon	\$ 147.19
4687	Verizon Wireless	\$ 121.09
4688	AAA Emergency	\$ 207.05
4689	Charles Stotz, Inc.	\$ 370.70
4690	Valhalla Deli	\$ 87.00
4691	Xerox Corporation	\$ 199.65
4692	Berger Hardware	\$ 106.02
4693	Michael Grieco	\$ 1,300.00
4694	The Journal News	\$ 73.50
4695	Comptroller	\$ 402.85
4696	Roberts Company, Inc	\$ 102.50
4697	Valhalla Fire Co #1	\$ 8,595.25
4698	Utica Nat'l Ins Group	\$ 4,521.00
4699	Dean A. Huszar	\$ 180.00
4700	Sunoco	\$ 184.03
4701	Hummel & Butler CPAs	\$ 745.00

4702	Ralph Nicoletti	\$ 23.76
4703	New England Sportswear	\$ 317.95
4704	Verizon	\$ 29.75
4705	Campbell Supply Co.	\$ 1,525.88
4706	Independent Fire Co.	\$ 8,295.25
4707	Dimuro Awards	\$ 709.50
4708	Shell Oil Company	\$ 43.59
4709	Ruscon Truck Service	\$ 1,499.98
4710	NYS DOT	\$ 100.00
4711	Michael Kohany	\$ 23.24
4712	Andrew Oudheusden	\$ 220.00
4713	Roger King	\$ 35.65
4714	Perfect Computer	\$ 341.25
4715	Cardiac Science	\$ 55.52
4716	Nextel Communications	\$ 288.88
4717	Cablevision	\$ 29.95
4718	Assoc. of Fire Districts of Wchster	\$ 200.00
4719	Kristen Ciancio	\$ 1,301.25
4720	Espositos	\$ 53.25
4721	Traveler's Restaurant	\$ 8,400.00 (voided)
4722	City Line	\$ 580.00
4723	Con Edison	\$ 37.37
4724	US Postal Service	\$ 200.00
4725	Traveler's Restaurant	<u>\$ 7,780.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$43,372.09

TRANSFERS:

TO: Checking Acct #670-0672326
FROM: Money Market Acct #670-0184941 \$23,000.00

Defined Benefit Plan

TO: Ameriprise
FROM: SEI Investments ALL FUNDS

Defined Contribution Plan

TO: Ameriprise
FROM: SEI Investments ALL FUNDS

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/Nicoletti to accept Chief King's report as read. MC. Activity report for August 2007: 46 alarms for 579 man hrs; 1 Dept. drills for 100 man hrs; 16 Co. drills for 341 man hrs; 2 meetings for 156 man hrs; 7 trainings for 58 man hrs; 8 misc. for 16 man hours; 1 standby for 66 man hours.
TOTAL: 1,316 man hrs.

Chief King reported that on August 13th the Department attended a preplan of a multi-agency plan and walk-thru of Westchester Medical Center, including a powerpoint presentation by Chief Gasparre of the Grasslands Brigade; on August 15th Asst. Chief Oudheusden, Chief King, Comr. Hoffarth and various other members attended training on the trunk radio system which is now online and coverage will be evaluated before going live; on August 20th the Department participated in a multi-agency drill at Westchester Medical Center – simulation of a fire in a patient room was successfully completed, demonstrating interoperability of all agencies, including WMC staff – the biggest benefit was the training of fire department personnel on how to move patients in the event of evacuation where ever necessary – Comr. Sutton of DES and a few members of the Board of Legislators were in attendance to observe the drill; on September 7th the Department participated in Hawthorne’s 100th anniversary parade – the Department received two trophies – one Engine was on stand-by covering Hawthorne and Utility 59 provided lighting during the parade; on September 8th the Department had its annual Inspection Dinner at Travelers Restaurant, receiving only compliments from all that attended – Chief King thanked Comrs. Hoffarth and McCarthy, Asst. Chief Oudheusden and the Captains for their hard work in helping to put it together; Chief King received a donation from the Hackley School as a result of the Department’s efforts at a fire at the school last month – the check was turned over to the Fund Drive Committee; October 10th will be Fire Prevention Day – Chief King will set up a schedule of school visits, and hotdogs, chips, and soda will be served.

Chairman Hoffarth, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, thanked Chief King, Asst. Chief Oudheusden, and the Captains, on an outstanding job from preparation of the apparatus and the coordination of the dinner. Chairman Hoffarth also commended Chief King in regards to positive comments from Sue Swanson on the WMC drill.

Comr. McCarthy suggested a thank you letter be written to Stotz Garage for use of their bus the night of the Inspection to transport members to and from the restaurant.

Comr. Deegan also thanked Chief King, Asst. Chief Oudheusden, Comrs. Hoffarth and McCarthy for their hard work put into the Inspection, on behalf of himself and his Company.

Comr. Bounassisi reported progress – tires have been ordered for Rescue 9.

Comr. Deegan thanked Comr. Buonassisi for his help with Ruscon and getting everything done for Rescue 9 – the members were greatly appreciative.

Comr. Nicoletti reported there were no injuries or incidents.

Comr. McCarthy reported new hose has been ordered; new pump for Engine 82 has been received; 8 parking signs have been ordered and ready by the end of the week; there are a few more hydrants resulting in a small increase in the budget.

Comr. Deegan reported that Campbell Supply should replace the capacitor by the end of the week on Tower Ladder 49, and about six other items will be taken care of as well; Service Award Investments have been liquidated as was agreed upon at the Special Meeting on August 14th. The minutes of the Special Meeting, the revised proposed investment policy have been distributed, the proposed investments of Ameriprise, and the resume of Cheryl Johnson have been distributed to the Board.

Chairman Hoffarth reported the teleconference was held on September 6th; received letter from Blythedale addressing all concerns – the item is on the agenda for the Planning Board on September 17th; a thank you letter was sent to the Police Chief for his quick response to the parking signs; a letter was sent to Sue Swanson supportive of the Police Chief's suggestion that the fireworks be moved from the Kensico Dam Plaza to Westchester Community College; a letter was sent to Bill Young regarding the Benevolent; Mike Grieco is in the process of switching the portable radios – they will not be online until the system is online; a response was received regarding the hydrant rental fee; there was a budget meeting; the first six months of State Reports have been sent to Red Alert to go to the State; fire prevention materials ordered have been received; there was a presentation from Hudson Valley Bank; new hose is on order; Comr. McCarthy confirmed he's still working on ordering the nozzles; Comr. Buonassisi confirmed he spoke with the company that will be replacing the overhangs; Chief King confirmed he will get the training forms to the State from Baltimore; no members have had difficulty obtaining appointments for physicals; working on scheduling a meeting with Paul Skocca.; the County Meeting is on September 26 at Lake Mohegan; the Quad District Meeting is in Thornwood on September 17th; Armonk's FD Inspection is on September 29th; the fund raising letter was distributed and dramatically changed; there are three proposals for security systems and Comr. Nicoletti is waiting for a fourth; October 10th budget workshop; October 16th will be the regular monthly meeting and adoption of the budget.

Comr. McCarthy would like to start using Garrison Supply instead of Campbell Supply to work on the apparatus. Apparatus no longer under warranty would be worked on by Garrison Supply, apparatus under warranty would be worked on by Campbell Supply.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Buonassisi to buy two ads in the County Journal, one for the Department and one for the District, at \$100 each. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/McCarthy to permit Independent Fire Co. to use the truck room for a party for Eben Turnure Sr. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Buonassisi to accept the resignations of Kyle Keegan, Donald Menzie and Greg Pille in good standing. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/Nicoletti to sell the Jeep. MC.

Chairman Hoffarth distributed a law signed by the Governor regarding ropes as well as a Department of Labor ruling which affects ropes, but no actions should be taken until regulations come out.

Comr. Deegan confirmed loose ends of Service Award will be tied by the October 10th workshop so it can be finalized at the regular meeting on October 16th.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/Nicoletti to permit use of the conference room at 330 Columbus Avenue for bus driving school. MC.

On a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/Nicoletti was moved to sell the 1999 Jeep to Pasquale Palumbo, 36 Webster Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528 for \$4,000.00. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/Buonassisi the following preliminary budget was adopted for presentation at the public hearing on October 16, 2007:

Communication	\$ 10,500.00
Administration	37,400.00
Equipment Operations	39,000.00
Fire Dept. Operations	32,500.00
Insurance	100,000.00
Service Award	80,000.00
Personnel & Contractual Services	58,240.00
Training Operations	29,500.00
Vehicle & Apparatus Operations	37,000.00
Fire House Operations	88,124.00
Capital Reserve	105,000.00
Building Reserve	<u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$627,264.00

Deputy-Treasurer Matranga asked Comr. Deegan if the investments were going to be transferred to the new company instead of selling them and if there will be a penalty for liquidating the investment. Comr. Deegan confirmed, as moved on a motion at the monthly meeting in August, all of the investments from Fortune Benefit have been liquidated and will be transferred to Ameriprise after the Board members review the proposed portfolio package received from Ameriprise. There will be no penalty for liquidating but there is a charge which was expected.

With no other business to come before the Board, it was moved on a motion by Comrs. Nicoletti/Deegan to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen M. Ciancio
Secretary/Treasurer