

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for
October 11, 2006**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was convened by Chairman Buonassisi at 7:40 pm.

In attendance were: Chairman Buonassisi, Comrs. Deegan, Hoffarth, McCarthy, and Nicoletti, Chiefs Pille, and King, Financial Consultant Joseph Butler, and Secretary-Treasurer Ciancio.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/Deegan to accept the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for September 13, 2006. MC.

Correspondence: 1) A letter from William Young, Jr., Esq. in response to whether or not the Grassland Reservation Fire Brigade can respond to mutual aid to the Valhalla Fire District; 2) a letter from David DiPrinzio informing the Board that Steve Heller and Steve Lederer will be the tellers for the Chiefs Nominating Meeting; 3) a letter from Andrew Oudheusden thanking the Board for granting permission to purchase a battery charger; 4) a letter from County Executive Andrew Spano thanking Chief Pille for the Department's presence and helping to dedicate The Rising Memorial at the Kensico Dam.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$ 1,303.42
Deposits	\$ 393.98
Transfers	\$20,000.00
MUNI Now Interest Income	\$ 2,455.24
Vouchers	\$18,587.12
Voided Checks	\$ 12.86
Transfers – MUNI Now Interest	\$ 2,455.24
Closing Balance	\$ 3109.68

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

Regular Checking	\$ 3,109.68
Fire District Money Market	\$181,163.51
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$548,006.58
Building Reserve Money Market	\$ 74,769.27
Repair Reserve Money Market	\$ 31,934.41
Total	\$838,983.48

CHECKS:

4262	Assoc of FD of Westchester	\$ 750.00
4263	Westchester County CCE	\$ 105.00
4264	Verizon	\$ 242.13
4265	Verizon Wireless	\$ 121.14
4266	Cardmember Service	\$ 84.14
4267	AAA Emergency	\$ 200.70
4268	Hawthorne Fire District	\$ 1,815.77
4269	Charles Stotz, Inc.	\$ 736.00
4270	Fire Systems Inc.	\$ 590.00
4271	Valhalla Deli	\$ 233.00
4272	Michael Grieco	\$ 680.00
4273	Comptroller	\$ 426.43
4274	American Express	\$ 4.88
4275	Decker Tool & Equipment	\$ 27.90
4276	Utica National Insurance Group	\$ 4,130.00
4277	Hummel & Butler, CPAs	\$ 590.00
4278	Ralph Nicoletti	\$ 12.86
4279	Richard K. Brown	\$ 18.00
4280	Thomas McCarthy	\$ 14.40
4281	Pat's Valhalla Deli	\$ 74.02
4282	Dean A. Huszar	\$ 142.00
4283	Sunoco	\$ 79.72
4284	Ruscon Truck Service	\$ 1,903.51
4285	NYS Dept of Transportation	\$ 100.00
4286	Verizon	\$ 15.53
4287	Postmaster	\$ 106.00
4288	National Safety Council	\$ 285.00
4289	Perfect Computer	\$ 2,337.50
4290	Exxon/Mobil	\$ 404.48
4291	US Treasury	\$ 622.90
4292	Nextel Communications	\$ 316.82
4293	Cablevision	\$ 29.92
4294	NYS Employment Taxes	\$ 127.48
4295	Mt. Pleasant Water District	\$ 23.00
4296	John Bulger	\$ 84.98
4297	Grainger	\$ 105.52
4298	Gianfranco Pizza	\$ 79.25
4299	West Sayville FD	\$ 980.00
	TOTAL:	\$18,599.98

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/McCarthy to accept Chief Pille's report as read. MC. Activity report for September 2006: 35 alarms for 425 man hours; 5 Dept. drills for 130 man hours; 12 Co. drills for 208 man hours; 4 meetings for 101 man hours; 11 misc. for 169 man hours; 1 standby for 36 man hours. TOTAL: 1069 man hours.

Chief Pille thanked Comr. McCarthy for attending the fire prevention visits at the Methodist Church and picking up the refreshments for the Open House, and thanked the Line Officers for handling the fire prevention visits and setting up the Open Houses. Chief Pille reported that the Department attended the Westchester County Volunteer Fireman's Parade in Elmsford, the Blythedale Children's Hospital Safety Fair for fire prevention, the bonfire at Westlake High School by providing an engine and Utility 59, trucks, the American Heart Association Walk at the Kensico Dam, the Emergency Management meeting, the full company extrication drill, and inspections in Ardsley and Hawthorne. Chief Pille reported in regards to the previous month's minutes that he had North White Plains' Ladder 47 standing by for the Department while they attended the parade in Elmsford. There was a Battalion 11 Quad District meeting and reps from Con Edison were there. They wanted feedback and suggestions from the Chiefs regarding the recent storms. During the meeting there was also discussion of purchasing four small trailers to stockpile equipment in different categories- EMS, foam, rescue, and equipment for hazmat spills – one of each of the trailers would be stored in each of the four Districts. 2191 is working on reviewing the dual responses, he has intentions of increasing Elmsford's area on Route 9A if possible, the split Valhalla has with Thornwood would probably remain; he will confirm at the next meeting. The tabletop for the Shaft 18 drill is on October 17, the drill will be on October 22. The Blythdale Fire Extinguisher Drill is on October 18. Inspections for Briarcliff and Elmsford on October 21 and Fairview on October 26.

Comr. Deegan reported that he received the final report from Underwriter's Laboratory on the certification of Tower Ladder 49. There was a recommendation to readjust the relief valve from 83 psi to 155-160 psi. Cambell Supply came to do the adjustment and damaged the fire truck and building due to the driver from Campbell – Campbell Supply will pay for all repairs. All parts for the truck and building have been ordered and will be repaired by the same company used to do the repairs on the truck the last time. While Campbell Supply was there, they also fixed an oil leak, a defective light, and replaced the window on the passenger's side. Certification will be sent to Underwriter's Laboratory so they are aware that the adjustment to the relief valve was made. Comr. Deegan reported last month that the building was hit by lightning and he requested two computers be purchased; only one was purchased - Comr. Hoffarth donated the other to the District so there was no need to purchase the second computer. Comr. Deegan reported that the 2003 Service Award audit has been received, 2004 will be done in November, and 2005 will be done in December.

Comr. McCarthy reported that he is still waiting on receiving the hose, he would like to order a couple of hardware bags, and after the 1st of the year he would like to order a new

trash pump. Comr. McCarthy reported that the two hose trays are in, one has been attached to Engine 82, the other tray is to be attached to Engine 84.

Comr. Nicoletti reported that he still has only received one response back from the seven members which he sent letters to regarding their insurance coverage. Comr. Pille asked that the names of the remaining members be given to the Chiefs of the appropriate companies.

Comr. Hoffarth reported that the Teleconference is October 16. He was notified from the County that they are in the process of installing the new radio trunk system. There were repairs made to the radio system on Utility 59 and a bad speaker on Engine 83. The Fit Test machine has been received, hooked up to the computer, and now waiting for a demo on how to use it. The IMA draft has been passed out regarding the trailer that all the Districts have to sign off on. We have received the opinion on the mutual aid. John Jackson informed Comr. Hoffarth that the 2006 Grasslands Contract had been approved by the County Board and the Board of Contract & Acquisitions. The County Board is considering possibly doing a two-year contract for 2007-2008 instead of a one-year contract. Comr. McCarthy met with an FCC representative regarding the static on the radio, but they didn't hear it during the day so they could not resolve the problem at that time. There was a Quad District meeting on September 18. As reported by Comr. Deegan, the Ladder test results were sent back in order to get the certification. A lightning rod was installed on the building. Fire prevention materials were ordered from the NFPA for the Chief.

Chairman Buonassisi reported that portable pump is ready to be delivered to Valhalla Fire Co #1.

Comr. Hoffarth reported that the Red Alert bills needs to be resolved and a decision made on programs that are not going to be used. Comr. Deegan indicated he would contact the County for a SunPro demo. Comr. Hoffarth asked if the bill for Galls, Inc. for the shirts had been resolved. Comr. McCarthy said we are owed 15 shirts and no further monies should be due. Comr. Hoffarth asked Chief King for Engine 82, 83, & 84 inventories to be emailed or put on a disk. Comr. Hoffarth asked if the DEP was going to pay for the refreshments for the drill, Chief Pille responded in the affirmative.

Comrs. McCarthy/Nicoletti made a motion to move Junior Corps members Poidimani and Owens up to firefighter status. MC.

Comr. Hoffarth reported that physicals are due and available on Saturdays. Comr. Hoffarth reported that there is a problem getting the Master Card bill in on time. Financial Consultant Butler said he will call to get the cycle date changed so the bill is not late anymore. Comr. Hoffarth reported that Bedford Village Fire Department would like to borrow the floor cleaning machine.

Comrs. Hoffarth/McCarthy made a motion to adopt the 2007 Budget and forward it to the Town. MC.

Budget:

Communications	\$ 12,250.00
Administration	\$ 35,100.00
Equipment Operations	\$ 33,000.00
Fire Department Operations	\$ 37,500.00
Insurance	\$ 95,000.00
Service Award	\$ 75,000.00
Personal & Contractual Services	\$ 46,310.00
Training Operations	\$ 30,900.00
Vehicle Apparatus Operations	\$ 37,000.00
Firehouse Operations	<u>\$ 85,812.00</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$487,872.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$105,000.00
Capital Building Account	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Total	\$602,872.00

Comrs. Hoffarth/Nicoletti made a motion to appoint the following individuals as electors for the upcoming election: Marcus Castro, Steve Heller, Steve Lederer, Charles Groenewegen, and Robert DiStasio. Each will be paid \$15 to prepare the rolls and \$35 for the conduct of the election. MC.

Steve Heller of the Benevolent Association spoke to the Board about the fact that Fire Squad members will now be accepted in the Benevolent Association.

Assistant Chief LoGrippo of the Hawthorne Fire Department addressed the Board on a personnel problem involving a Department member at their most recent inspection dinner.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen M. Ciancio
Secretary/Treasurer