

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for October 16, 2007.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for October 16, 2007 was convened by Chairman Hoffarth at 7:30 pm.

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

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

Chairman Hoffarth read the Legal Notice printed in The Journal News regarding the public hearing on the proposed 2008 District Budget to be held on October 16, 2007 in conjunction with the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The public meeting was declared open and Chairman Hoffarth presented the 2008 District Budget.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Nicoletti to keep the public hearing open. MC.

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 12, 2007. MC.

Correspondence: 1) A letter from Comr. Anthony Sutton to Chief King advising he has received and his staff has reviewed and responded to the comments in the Chief's letter in regard to agreeing to the changes that Hawthorne requested be made to the Trailer Deployment Procedure and our concerns regarding this program; 2) A letter from Bill Young informing the Board he had received, reviewed and advised the Board to adopt the Investment Policy for both the Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution LOSAP Programs; 3) A letter from Valhalla Fire Co. #1 informing the Board they have accepted applications for new members Terence Rafferty and Brendan Rafferty.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/Nicoletti to accept the application for membership for Terence Rafferty and Brendan Rafferty. MC. Chairman Hoffarth swore both members into the Department.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$ 5,522.19
Deposits	\$ 4,374.55
Transfers from MMkt	\$25,000.00
Vouchers	\$26,042.81
Transfers – Cap. Reserve Fund	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	\$ 4,853.93

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

Regular Checking	\$ 4,853.93
Fire District Money Market	\$ 164,881.44
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$ 708,774.79
Building Reserve Money Market	\$ 87,707.23
Repair Reserve Money Market	<u>\$ 32,947.56</u>
TOTAL	\$ 999,164.95

CHECKS:

4726	Shell Oil Co.	\$ 271.94
4727	Exxon/Mobil	\$ 110.54
4728	American Express	\$ 577.65
4729	Verizon	\$ 206.13
4730	Cardmember Services	\$ 1,237.97
4731	Hawthorne Fire District	\$ 1,511.97
4732	Verizon Wireless	\$ 121.09
4733	Motorola, Inc.	\$ 3,208.50
4734	AAA Emergency	\$ 2,147.73
4735	Berger Hardware	\$ 865.45
4736	Fire Systems Inc.	\$ 590.00
4737	NYS Assoc. of Fire Chiefs	\$ 140.00
4738	Michael G. Grieco	\$ 875.00
4739	Hummel & Butler CPAs	\$ 613.53
4740	Xerox Corporation	\$ 199.65
4741	Dean A. Huszar	\$ 255.00
4742	Family Medical Care	\$ 674.00
4743	National Safety Council	\$ 285.00
4744	Con Edison	\$ 69.50
4745	Campbell Supply Co.	\$ 679.77
4746	Comptroller	\$ 438.26
4747	The Pennsylvania Firem	\$ 39.00
4748	The Journal News	\$ 117.04
4749	Cablevision	\$ 29.95
4750	Utica National Insurance Group	\$ 4,521.00
4751	Assoc. of Fire Districts	\$ 50.00
4752	Anthony Matranga	\$ 8.38
4753	Kirk A. Baker	\$ 11.00

4754	Thomas McCarthy	\$	8.70
4755	Michael Alfero	\$	11.00
4756	Sunoco	\$	110.43
4757	NYS Dept. of Transportation	\$	200.00
4758	New England Sportswear	\$	285.00
4759	Verizon	\$	29.53
4760	Michael Kohany	\$	750.00
4761	Sign Stop	\$	842.40
4762	Underwriters Laboratory	\$	925.00
4763	Nextel Communications	\$	465.09
4764	Westbrook Marketing	\$	681.55
4765	Andrew Oudheusden	\$	26.86
4766	Creative Auto Body	\$	534.10
4767	Vincenzo Moschetto	\$	161.23
4768	DC Sports	\$	174.87
4769	Tremont	\$	150.00
4770	Merriam-Graves Corp.	\$	60.00
4771	Joseph Poidomani	\$	145.00
4772	US Treasury	\$	<u>627.00</u>
	TOTAL		\$26,042.81

TRANSFERS:

TO: Checking Acct #670-0672326
 FROM: Money Market Acct #670-0184941 \$25,000.00

SALE OF JEEP

TO: Capital Reserve & Equipment Fund #670-0184895
 FROM: Checking Acct #670-0672326 \$4,000.00

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/Nicoletti to accept Chief King's report as read. MC. Activity report for September 2007: 40 alarms for 539 man hrs; 4 Dept. drills for 216 man hrs; 8 Co. drills for 281 man hrs; 2 meetings for 156 man hrs; 2 trainings for 11 man hrs; 7 misc. for 214 man hours. TOTAL: 1,407 man hrs.

Chief King reported that Fire Prevention Week is held in October and the Department activities included visiting schools and the Department held Open Houses at both Companies with soda donated by Pepsi, he thanked Comr. McCarthy for picking up the hotdogs and chips; Utility 59 and Engine 84 went to Westlake High School on October 12th for the annual Homecoming Bonfire; the Departments switched to the new trunk radio system and went live on it on October 12 at 7 am – there are some concerns with the portable radios; November 8th the District will participate in a Battalion-wide drill on the Live Burn Building; November 18th one Engine will be participating in a drill at Shaft 18; DEP, Sal Penelle and Chief King met regarding the difficulty accessing hydrants with the current construction going on around the aerators.

Comr. McCarthy asked if the portables could be put on the trucks. Chairman Hoffarth said it is not possible until the system is up and running and radios are programmed by ESS, and the County has given permission.

Comr. McCarthy reported that Engine 84 was brought to Campbell for a new radiator, to repair an air conditioning problem and they're looking at the suspension; the parts for the portable pump were received; the new hose and gas detector were received; Ricky Brown needs a change of beneficiary form; NFPA has a new mandate that turnout gear must be changed every 10 years.

Comr. Nicoletti reported progress.

Comr. Buonassisi reported a new set of tires was put on the Crown Victoria; the radio in the Durango stays on after the vehicle is off and it drains the battery; the Durango was serviced and it needs an inspection; tires will be put on Rescue 9.

Comr. Hoffarth reported that a letter was sent to the auditor on the Service Award Audit for 2007; gear sheets and inventory sheets were received from Fire Co. #1; a list was sent to both Captains informing them of members that still require fit tests; the preliminary budget was approved, sent to the Town, posted on the website, and legal notice was placed in the newspaper; a letter was sent to the Police Chief asking if the Independent Fire Co. could close Cedar St. from 6-9pm on 10/11/07 and use it for a fire prevention program; a letter was sent to DES on the trailer protocols; continuing to work on the radio system issues; Chief Oudheusden's car needs repairs; preliminary tests for Ladder 49 were received – it needs welding done by a certified welder; Chief's car inventories were placed in their mailboxes to be updated.

Comr. Deegan reported the date has changed to meet with the John Novrosky about Sunpro; a meeting was held on the Service Award Program for the Defined Contribution Plan and the Defined Benefit Plan.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/McCarthy to adopt the Investment Policy for the Defined Contribution Plan. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/Buonassisi to adopt the Investment Policy for the Defined Benefit Plan. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/Nicoletti to approve the investment of the Service Award funds as outlined in the proposed portfolio package from Ameriprise. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Deegan to close the public hearing on the 2008 District Budget. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/McCarthy to adopt the proposed 2008 budget. MC.

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

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/McCarthy to purchase five tickets at a cost of \$150 per ticket to the County Association Dinner on November 9th, 2007. MC.

Comr. Hoffarth reported the County Meeting is on October 22nd at 7:45 pm; two Board members would be attending the Fairview Inspection Dinner on October 23rd; all bills ever received from Campbell Supply Company are being copied and looked over to look at the continuing problems on the fire trucks that need fixing.

Deputy-Treasurer Matranga reported the District is well within the spending limit of the budget; he questioned whether the new college would have a major impact on the District and if more apparatus should be moved to 330 Columbus Avenue.

Comr. Hoffarth confirmed it would add some pressure on the District but would not have a major impact – the building would be fully equipped with sprinklers, and it is difficult to deny fire protection to a development.

With no other business to come before the Board, it was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/Nicoletti to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kristen Ciancio
 Secretary-Treasurer