

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

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

Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence was held for fallen fireman, military personnel and a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary, Pat Stone.

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. Deegan/McCarthy to accept the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for November 14, 2007. MC.

Correspondence: 1) A letter from the Town of Mt. Pleasant enclosing the 2008 Hydrant Rental Agreement contracts to be executed; 2) A letter from Bill Young regarding greater background checks for prospective Fire Department members; 3) A letter from Independent Fire Co. supporting Andy Oudheusden for position of Asst. Chief for 2008; 4) A letter from Independent Fire Co. accepting the application for new member Fernando Naselli; 5) A letter from Valhalla Fire Co. #1 accepting applications for new Fire Squad members Dylan Groenwegen and Michael Wolf, Jr; 6) A letter from Valhalla Fire Co #1. accepting the resignation for member Rick Brown pending return of his equipment effective 12/31/07.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Nicoletti to accept the application for membership for Fernando Naselli pending the results of his physical. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/McCarthy to accept the application for membership in the Fire Squad for Dylan Groenwegen and Michael Wolf, Jr. pending their physicals and arson background checks. MC.

Secretary-Treasurer Ciancio reported the Commissioner's election for a 5 year term as follows:

Michael Deegan – 35

Illegible - 2

TOTAL - 37

Secretary-Treasurer Ciancio reported the Chief's nomination results as follows:

Roger King – 5

Anthony Ciancio - 2

TOTAL – 7

Secretary-Treasurer Ciancio reported the Asst. Chief's nominating results as follows:
Andy Oudheusden – 12

TOTAL – 12

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$ 4,445.46
Deposits	\$12,103.35
Transfers from MMkt	\$29,000.00
Vouchers	\$42,321.14
Voided Check #4835	\$ 50.00
Voided Check #4797	<u>\$ 681.55</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	\$ 3,959.22

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

Regular Checking	\$ 3,959.22
Fire District Money Market	\$ 102,150.80
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$ 714,160.39
Building Reserve Money Market	\$ 88,371.63
Repair Reserve Money Market	<u>\$ 33,099.67</u>
TOTAL	\$ 941,741.71

CHECKS:

4801 Verizon	\$67.10
4802 Card Member Services	\$210.83
4803 Con Ed	\$37.23
4804 Comptroller	\$406.22
4805 The Journal News	\$61.30
4806 Efficiency Printing Co.	\$198.50
4807 Shell Oil Co.	\$110.50
4808 Ralph Nicoletti	\$77.60
4809 Joseph Bonnano	\$350.00
4810 Thomas McCarthy	\$78.60
4811 NYS DOT	\$100.00
4812 Exxon/Mobile	\$283.06
4813 American Express	\$432.00
4814 Robert DelGreco	\$240.00
4815 Kenneth Hoffarth	\$19.25
4816 Verizon	\$142.98

4817	Verizon Wireless	\$121.44
4818	AAA Emergency	\$353.80
4819	Card Member Services	\$1,429.50
4820	Xerox Corp.	\$199.65
4821	Charles Stotz Inc.	\$59.47
4822	Anthony Matranga	\$5.21
4823	Michael Grieco	\$565.00
4824	Sunoco	\$135.88
4825	Berger Hardware	\$2.96
4826	Verizon	\$29.27
4827	Hummel & Butler CPAs	\$465.25
4828	Exxon/Mobile	\$366.88
4829	Valhalla Fire Co. #1	\$8,595.25
4830	Indepedent Fire Co.	\$8,295.25
4831	Nancy Sohn	\$5,150.00
4832	US Postal Service	\$200.00
4833	Daniel Lester	\$50.00
4834	Steven Lederer	\$35.00
4835	Anthony Impelluso	\$50.00 (VOIDED)
4836	Steven Heller	\$50.00
4837	Marcos Castro	\$50.00
4838	Nextel Communications	\$337.15
4839	Cablevision	\$29.95
4840	Kristen Ciancio	\$1,301.25
4841	Grainger	\$135.81
4842	Northstar Medical Group	<u>\$11,492.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$42,321.14

TRANSFERS:

TO: Checking Acct #670-0672326
FROM: Money Market Acct #670-0184941 \$29,000.00

TO: Capital Reserve #670-0184895
FROM: Money Market Acct #670-0184941 \$15,000.00

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Buonassisi/Deegan to accept Chief King's report as read. MC. Activity report for December 2007: 36 alarms for 513 man hrs; 6 Dept. drills for 274 man hrs; 12 Co. drills for 151 man hrs; 2 meetings for 151 man hrs; 9 trainings for 50 man hrs; 6 misc. for 65 man hours. TOTAL: 1,204 man hrs.

Chief King reported on November 18 there was a drill at Shaft 18 in which one Engine participated; in November, Independent Fire Co. attended the Tree lighting at the Town Hall; December 2nd Valhalla Fire Co. #1 attended the Tree lighting at the gazebo in the Village; December 9th the Department was called to a haz-mat incident at WMC, private contractors were called in to remove the hazard; December 11th, the Department attended

the wake for Pat Stone; Dual Response plan will be finalized in December; December 17th Chief King will host the Mt. Pleasant Chief's Association Meeting; members will be going out on Santa visits December 18-20; there were three alarms on the same night at Bloomingdale's on Route 9A – citations were considered but Sal Penelle confirmed the alarm malfunction was fixed; December 14th the Valhalla Fire Co. #1 will host their annual Holiday party.

Chairman Hoffarth requested from Chief King, his car's inventory and a NIMS list. Chief King confirmed the NIMS list was up-to-date and he would make the car inventory a priority.

Commissioner Buonassisi reported repairs were made to the manifold on Asst. Chief Oudheusden's car, which was under warranty.

Commissioner Nicoletti reported there were no injuries or accidents during November. A dividend payment was received in the amount of \$11,889.60 from Utica National Insurance Company for the period of March 2006 – March 2007.

Commissioner McCarthy reported he needs to order two halogen tools; Engine 82 had hydraulic lines put on due to a leak.

Commissioner Deegan thanked Commissioner Buonassisi for having Ruscon look at Rescue 9; as of January 2008, the SunPro system will be available for submitting Incident Reports to the State.

Chairman Hoffarth reported the information for the District Election was sent to the Town to be posted on their website; the 2006 District Audit was sent to the Town and State Comptroller and a legal notice was put in The Journal News; the Police Chief followed up on the idea of the No Parking signs and they will be posted around Fire Co. #1; final bill was sent to the County for the Grasslands contract; payment was received from Pleasantville, Hawthorne, and Thornwood for Safe Driving Course; the application was filed with the County on which vehicles will be assigned; paperwork was filed with the County on items stolen by Romeo Torro – most of it was recovered; Scott Campbell responded to concern about constant repairs being made to the apparatus and agreed to meet with members of the Board regarding that issue; a letter was sent to the Town Supervisor on private hydrants; all Scott Paks were tested, two of them had to be repaired; two members have outstanding physicals and they are aware of it.

Commissioner McCarthy expressed his concern regarding the letter from Bill Young about Fire Departments not being able to perform more thorough background checks on applicants. Chairman Hoffarth reiterated that although it puts the Department in a vulnerable position, it is not lawful to conduct these checks.

Commissioner Buonassisi reported there is progress with the overhangs and Ruscon working on Ladder 49 as a result of the testing.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Nicoletti to accept the resignation of Rick Brown in good standing pending the return of his equipment, effective December 31. MC.

It was moved on motion made by Comrs. Deegan/McCarthy to sign the hydrant rental agreement with the Town of Mt. Pleasant until the year 2012. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/McCarthy to terminate Romeo Torro in bad standing. MC.

Chief King reported the meeting with Hawthorne was to cut down on the increasing amount of dual response alarms per year for residential alarms, motor vehicle accidents, and car fires on the parkway. It was agreed that dual response was not necessary on residential alarms, dual response was only necessary if extrication was needed, and it was agreed that dual response would be from 6am – 7pm Monday – Friday and after that, car fires in each District would be handled by that District.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Deegan/McCarthy to amend the Dual Response Agreement as outlined by Chief King with Hawthorne so it can be forwarded on to the County, effective January 1, 2008. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/McCarthy to approve the snow removal application for the year 2008 at a rate of \$85.00 per hour to Jeff Studer. MC with one abstention.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Nicoletti to proceed with moving all District funds from Chase Bank to Hudson Valley Bank. MC.

Financial Consultant Butler reported there are no fees charged by SEI to close the Service Award accounts and transfer to Ameriprise, Cheryl Johnson's fee is .75% of the assets. All documents will be sent to Bill Young for his review.

With no other business to come before the Board, it was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti /Buonassisi to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Ciancio
Secretary-Treasurer