

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for August 9, 2006.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was convened by Chairman Buonassisi at 7:35 pm.

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

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Nicoletti/McCarthy to accept the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for July 12, 2006 as read. MC.

Correspondence: 1) A letter from Valhalla Fire Co #1 informing the Board of Fire Squad members J. Poidimani and M. Owens turning 18 in the month of October; 2) A letter from Joyce Cole regarding signature of the contract between the Valhalla Fire District and Westchester County; 3) A letter from Valhalla Fire Co #1 regarding their annual Labor Day BBQ at Bradhurst Field.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$ 674.40
Deposits	\$ 101.38
Transfers	\$101,000.00
Vouchers	\$ 99,020.09
Voided Checks - #4166	\$ 255.00
Transfers – MUNI Now Interest	\$ 2,450.44
Closing Balance	\$ 560.25

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

Regular Checking	\$ 560.25
Fire District Money Market	\$305,083.16
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$545,056.94
Building Reserve Money Market	\$ 74,371.96
Repair Reserve Money Market	<u>\$ 31,771.03</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$956,843.34</u>

CHECKS:

4192	Internal Revenue Service	\$ 345.30
4193	NYS Employment Taxes	\$ 126.58
4194	Verizon	\$ 77.47
4195	Verizon Wireless	\$ 121.40
4196	AAA Emergency	\$ 9,088.45
4197	Charles Stotz, Inc.	\$ 291.00
4198	Valhalla Deli	\$ 166.95
4199	Michael Grieco	\$ 605.00
4200	Xerox Corporation	\$ 199.65
4201	Staples Credit Plan	\$ 88.87
4202	Town of Greenburgh	\$ 987.50
4203	Comptroller	\$ 766.17
4204	American Express	\$ 1,633.95
4205	Roberts Company	\$ 38.90
4206	Utica National Insurance Co.	\$ 4,270.00
4207	Fire Districts of NY	\$42,207.00
4208	Silvio's Ristorante	\$ 172.00
4209	Berlin Imports, Inc.	\$ 143.00
4210	Hummel & Butler, CPAs	\$ 3,976.57
4211	Dean Huszar	\$ 140.00
4212	Sunoco	\$ 45.01
4213	Ruscon Truck Service	\$ 2,681.09
4214	Verizon	\$ 15.60
4215	Highmark Life Insurance	\$18,766.00
4216	Campbell Supply Co., Inc.	\$ 497.30
4217	Exxon/Mobil	\$ 432.75
4218	Pitney Bowes	\$ 135.96
4219	Nextel Communications	\$ 322.50
4220	Michael Deegan	\$ 350.00
4221	Cablevision	\$ 59.93
4222	Mt. Pleasant Water District	\$ 9,380.00
4223	KFC	\$ 112.20
4224	Donald Henken	\$ 775.99
	TOTAL (33):	\$99,020.09

TRANSFERS:

From Acct:	6700184941	
To Acct:	6700672326	\$101,000.00

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Hoffarth to accept Chief Pille's report as read. MC. Activity report for July 2006: 47 alarms for 1128 man hrs; 3 Dept. drills for 130 man hrs; 4 Co. drills for 73 man hrs; 2 meetings for 76 man hrs; 3 trainings for 12 man hrs; 8 misc. for 167 man hrs; 2 standbys for 223 man hrs.
TOTAL: 1809 man hrs.

Chief Pille reported two-thirds of the Department have completed ICS 100 & 700, asked for permission to use 330 Columbus Ave next Wednesday from 7pm-10pm for Asst. Chief King to hold a class so the rest of the Department can complete the two courses. Chief Pille received notification from the Town of Mt. Pleasant Water Department that water main cleaning/relining is scheduled to start in the area off of Lakeview Ave; they asked to meet with the Chiefs & Officers regarding temporary hydrants. Last Quad District meeting was cancelled by Chief Rogers; meeting was not rescheduled. Spoke to Chief Mancusi about increased number of dual response alarms with Hawthorne; will try to be split between Valhalla and Thornwood. There will be an EMT basic and refresher course in Hawthorne this September. Received a request to schedule a rescue drill with Ecco 3 Construction, they're working on the inside (chambers) of the Kensico Dam; hopefully there will be a meeting next week. Received a draft tonight, an updated contingency plan from the DEP regarding Shaft 18; they're working on a date for a tabletop drill for the annual drill in October. Submitted expenditures for tornado calls and standby to Chief Mancusi of Hawthorne; he was asked by the Town to collect all fire department expenditures to submit and see if we qualify for FEMA reimbursement. Chief Pille expressed his concern regarding the contract signed between the Valhalla Fire District and Westchester County. Comr. Hoffarth addressed the 2 issues Chief Pille asked about and he said the contract has been signed. Gave all Commissioners suggested apparatus assignments for alarms for review. Request for two Chief's cars, Patrol 12, two pieces of apparatus for each company, depending on manpower, for the Westchester County Convention Parade in Elmsford on September 16.

Comr. Deegan asked Chief Pille that if the mutual aid or dual response protocol is changed, does it need to be approved by the Commissioners. The Chief assured in the affirmative.

Comr. Deegan wanted to know from the Chief, if there was any interest by Valhalla to be on the Technical Rescue Team. Chief Pille indicated there was not. Comr. Deegan said since there is no interest, Valhalla should not be obligated to pay their share.

Comr. McCarthy asked Chief Pille in regards to responses, R-9 and Utility 59 to FAST Team calls, he thought U-59 was bought as a FAST Team truck. Chief Pille was not aware U-59 was purchased for FAST Team calls.

Comr. Deegan reported that he spoke with Campbell Supply. There are still a few issues with Utility- the alternators, spoke with Sr. VP Chuck Yomine. Mr. Yomine is supposed to speak with the service department and will get back to Comr. Deegan at the end of the week. Also, when Campbell does a warranty job, they charge their travel time and tolls to the bill of the apparatus instead of under the warranty. Comr. Hoffarth indicated he wrote

a letter to Scott Campbell regarding the 5 alternators we have had replaced and our dissatisfaction with this problem as it continues to go un-addressed.

Comr. McCarthy reported he's still waiting for warranty work to be done on E-84. He would like the hose trays for the engine to be approved. Comr. McCarthy said he is still waiting on hose from AAA. Finally got a name and model number for a trash pump. Original order for shirts was 120 shirts, received 88, had to send back 31. Asked the Board if they can pay the bill of \$3470 for the shirts. Officers from No. 1 asked for chainsaws on each of the Engines due to concern from frequent storms. If enough members want to participate, will the District allow them to go to the Flashover simulator in Rockland County in the Fall?

Comr. Hoffarth reported that the Fit Test machine has been purchased. He needs names of members that want to get trained on it. 2005 District Audit has been completed. The County contract has been signed. Quad District meeting with Senator Spano on getting a grant for a fire safety trailer – he agreed to give \$50,000; takes 9 months to receive after ordering. Inventory on TL-49, R-9, U-59, bottle inventory for both companies – completed. Letter sent to the Town on hydrants on Grasslands Rd. that was requested by the Fire Inspector. Letter sent to the school district about their cell phone policy. Received a response from FCC about noise on the radio; if noise is heard, contact David Noel number posted in the office at 330. Had conversation with Steve Heller about Fire Squad and Benevolent; Steve received Bill Young's letter and didn't see a problem with it and at their next meeting they will probably approve it. Still no response from the DEC on a letter sent a year ago about the progress on a traffic study. Had to gather a census on the Group Life insurance policy for this month's bill. Holding off on putting the inverter on U-59 due to a possible electrical problem, until it is resolved. Reform agenda bills, 11 of 13 had been signed by the Governor.

Comr. Nicoletti reported one injury of Safety Officer Burke on July 27 while getting off a piece of apparatus in truck room. He slipped and injured his back. He did not seek medical attention. Two certificates of insurance have been obtained, for the County contract and No. 1's picnic at Bradhurst Field. There are new seven members who have not submitted their insurance enrollment forms for the group life policy. Comr. McCarthy and Assistant Chief King will take care of it.

Comr. Buonassisi asked Comr. Deegan about body work on the truck. Comr. Deegan said it's going to be done shortly, the estimate is in. Comr. Deegan reported the delay is due to the reluctance of American LaFrance to release prices on parts. Some of the work can be done in the firehouse, the rest has to be sent out.

Comr. Buonossisi reported two Fire Squad members, Owens/Poidimani will be turning 18 in October; they need physicals. Once the physicals are completed, the Board will move them to interior firefighters.

It was moved on a motion by Comr. Hoffarth/Deegan to purchase two hose racks. Cost will cover parts and labor. MC.

It was moved on a motion by Comr. Nicoletti/Hoffarth to pay \$3,470 for the shirts. MC.

It was moved on a motion by Comr. Deegan/Hoffarth to pay \$3,358.78 estimate for TL-49 body repairs. MC.

It was moved on a motion by Comr. Hoffarth/Deegan to purchase three chainsaws not to exceed \$500 total for # 1. MC.

It was moved on a motion by Comr. Hoffarth/Deegan to authorize Comr. McCarthy to set up potential training of the Flashover Simulator in Rockland County for members of both companies. MC.

Comr. Hoffarth requested to set up a date for a budget meeting; notice a public hearing in September; first budget reading in September; adopt it in October.

Comr. Hoffarth reported putting a copy of NIMS Resolution 39 in everyone's mailbox and that it should be adopted.

It was moved on a motion by Comr. Hoffarth/Nicoletti to adopt Resolution 39. MC.

Comr. McCarthy reported that the Quad Districts were going to have their own EVOC classes; 18 in a class; instructed by Andy Mancusi. The cost will be divided between the four Districts. No date set yet.

Comr. Hoffarth reported that the County meeting would be in Bedford Village on August 23.

Comr. Hoffarth reported that he spoke with the Chiefs about doing a better job with bills from Pat's Deli.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen M. Ciancio
Secretary/Treasurer