

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was convened at 7:30p.m. by Chairman Buonassisi following a moment of silence for Ned Ciocca in whose name the meeting was dedicated.

In attendance were: Chairman Buonassisi; Comrs. Nicoletti, McCarthy and Hoffarth; Financial Consultant Butler, Chief Pille, Assistant Chief King, Deputy Treasurer Matranga and Secretary/Treasurer Deegan.

Correspondence: 1. A thank you note from Bryan Strong; 2. A letter from Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 requesting permission to use their truck room for a Plant Sale May 13 and 14 as well as asking permission to house Engine 81 at 330 Columbus Avenue during the sale, 3. A letter from Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 reporting that FF Corey Green has left the company in bad standing, 4. A letter from Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 requesting Anthony Gisondi be placed on military leave, 5. A letter from Parish, Weiner & Maffia, Inc. a planning, traffic and development consulting firm, regarding proposed plans for Westchester University.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$2,534.75
Deposits	\$8,426.68
Transfers from MMrkt	\$55,000.00
MUNI Now Interest Income	\$2,739.68
Vouchers-April	\$1,282.60
Vouchers-May	\$50,158.43
Transfers Cap Res & Eq	\$7,990.00
Transfers MUNI Now Interest	\$4,674.99
Closing Balance	\$4,595.09

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

Regular Checking	\$4,595.09
Fire District Money Market	\$585,039.18
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$391,854.16
Building Reserve Money Market	\$33,489.77
Building Reserve CTF. of Deposit	\$30,000.00
Repair Reserve Money Market	\$21,605.63
TOTAL:	\$1,066,583.83

TRANSFERS:

FROM: Money Market #6700184941
TO: Checking #670-0672326 \$55,000.00

FROM: Checking #670-0672326
TO: Capital Reserve #670-0184-895 \$7,990.00

FROM: Checking #670-0672326
TO: #670-0184-887 \$8.03
#670-0184-895 \$1,692.31
#670-0184-941 \$167.52
#670-0185-042 \$18.47
#670-0185-441 \$12.56

#670-0464-375	\$20.51
#670-0184-941	\$14.93
#670-3478-466	<u>\$0.98</u>
Total:	\$1,953.31

FROM: Checking #670-0672326

TO: #670-0184-887	\$6.32
#670-0184-895	\$1,332.04
#670-0184-941	\$131.86
#670-0185-042	\$14.54
#670-0185-441	\$9.89
#670-0464-375	\$16.14
#670-0184-941	\$11.75
#670-3478-466	<u>\$0.77</u>
Total:	\$1,523.31

FROM: Checking #670-0184-887

TO: #670-0184-887	\$34.37
#670-0184-895	\$935.71
#670-0184-941	\$149.44
#670-0185-042	\$34.45
#670-0185-441	\$13.55
#670-0464-375	\$29.12
#670-0184-941	\$14.19
#670-3478-466	<u>\$5.55</u>
Total:	\$1,216.37

CHECKS:

4060	ORTIZ WELDING	\$720.50
4061	AMERICAN EXPRESS	\$162.10
4062	WESTCHESTER COUNTY	\$400.00
4063	KENNETH HOFFARTH	\$50.07
4064	VERIZON	\$149.25
4065	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$431.84
4066	CARDMEMBER SERVICES	\$32.27
4067	AAA EMERGENCY	\$1,706.00
4068	HAWTHORNE FIRE DISTRICT	\$1,202.01
4069	CHARLES STOTZ, INC.	\$411.54
4070	ANTUN'S OF WESTCHESTER	\$1,347.87
4071	XEROX CORPORATION	\$399.30
4072	TOWN OF GREENBURGH	\$987.50
4073	BERGER HARDWARE	\$419.96
4074	CON EDISON	\$377.37
4075	COMPTROLLER	\$374.08
4076	EFFICIENCY PRINTING	\$172.50
4077	AMERICAN EXPRESS	\$1,575.09
4078	ROBERTS' COMPANY	\$7.90
4079	UTICA NATIONAL INS. GROUP	\$4,544.00
4080	CITY OF NEW YORK	\$25.00
4081	ANTHONY MATRANGA	\$6.32
4082	VALHALLA FIRE CO. NO. 1	\$8,345.00
4083	INDEPENDENT FIRE CO.	\$8,045.00
4084	GALLS, INC.	\$120.00
4085	DEAN A. HUSZAR	\$167.00
4086	SHELL OIL CO.	\$130.66

4087	NYS DEPT. OF TRANS.	\$100.00
4088	NEW ENGLAND SPORTSWEAR	\$206.00
4089	VERIZON	\$15.54
4090	MICHAEL PALMERINI	\$475.00
4091	PERFECT COMPUTER	\$130.00
4092	EXXON/MOBIL	\$235.44
4093	PITNEY BOWES, INC.	\$125.97
4094	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	\$285.57
4095	GRAYROCK FLORIST	\$43.00
4096	CABLEVISION	\$29.50
4097	WESTBROOK MARKETING	\$744.16
4098	UNION CENTRAL LIFE	\$11,342.32
4099	SUCARBA TRAVEL, INC.	\$4,553.20
4100	M. NORRIS & SONS, INC.	\$845.00
TOTAL:		\$51,441.03

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. McCarthy/Hoffarth to accept Chief Pille's report as read. MC. Activity Report for April 2006: 26 Alarms for 364.5 man hrs.; 6 Dept. Drills for 251 man hrs.; 12 Company Drills for 206 man hrs.; 2 Meetings for 127 man hrs.; 45 Trainings for 405 man hrs.; 5 Misc. for 55.5 man hrs.; TOTAL: 1,409 man hours. Chief Pille expressed his gratitude and that of Assistant Chief King for being permitted to attend the annual Association of Fire Chief's dinner/dance last month with their spouses. Chief Pille reported the following: approximately half the line officers have completed the online radiation training as well as the NIMS 100, 200 and 700; all members have until 7/31/06 to complete the NIMS before they will be required to attend a departmental training to be conducted by Assistant Chief King; TL-49 is back in service; Engine 84 was involved in a minor accident damaging a side view mirror; Gordo's is requesting a signed contract with a \$300 deposit for the 2006 Inspection and the band is requesting a \$1,400 deposit for our parade schedule; no photographer has been selected for the 2006 Inspection and suggestions are welcome; Valhalla High School has been informed of the need by the Department for the parking area for the Inspection; the 2006 Inspection invitation will be mailed shortly; the apparatus response protocol is being finalized following input received at the recent officers' meeting; the Quad District Technical Rescue Team will begin rope rescue training shortly; preliminary discussion are being held to review the dual response procedures between Hawthorne and Thornwood regarding the splitting of the district for coverage; the Elmsford Fire Department has requested TL-49 standby(not in quarters) on 6/12/06; the Department has been requested to offer assistance to Mt. Pleasant Police Department on 5/21/06 for the Paul Oliva Run-a-thon; because of space restrictions, the Pleasantville Fire Department has requested all but two apparatus return immediately following the end of their parade; the Memorial Day Grave visit will be held on 5/28/06. Responding to Comr. Hoffarth's inquiry, Chief Pille indicated a log is being kept of all firematic activities on the Grasslands' campus. Assistant Chief King reported the County has made little progress with the installation of the new radio system. Following a comment by Comr Hoffarth about the incomplete Cascade List, Chief Pille indicated he would contact the Mt. Pleasant Police who have not updated their listed names. In response to Chief Pille's question about the \$45,000 Grasslands' funds, Comr. Hoffarth explained the monies from the Grasslands contract are not included in the annual budget because there is no guarantee the contract will be signed. Comr. Hoffarth further explained that traditionally, once received, the \$45,000 is placed in the Capital Reserve account to be used for such items as the purchase of Engine 84, Engine 82, Utility 59, etc... Comr. Hoffarth indicated an error in the minutes of a recent Department meeting erroneously reported the District would be purchasing both a new FIT test machine and new I.D. card machine. Comr. Hoffarth reported the District has no present plans to purchase a new FIT Test machine.

Comr. McCarthy reported the annual Brunch was very successful and all guests had a very good time. Comr. McCarthy reported: Engine 82 needs additional work to be done by

Campbell Supply Co., Inc; only three members, not 12 members, of Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 need new dress uniforms; in speaking with John Thompson he was informed the electric reels and drop chains have yet to be completed on Utility 59. Comr. McCarthy will coordinate the upcoming hose and pump tests and has been in contact with Captain Bratton. Comr. McCarthy reported a written request from Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 to receive permission to hold a Wet Down using the truck room on 5/19/06 was not submitted and asked the Board consider this.

Comr. Hoffarth reported a Bill of Sale has been sent to the new owner of M.A. #1; a letter from the Benevolent has been sent to William N. Young for clarification on the eligibility of fire squad in the association; the \$40,000 grant paperwork has been completed by Deputy Treasurer Matranga and Comr. Hoffarth; a payment request has been sent to the County on the 2005 Grassland's contract; Comr. Hoffarth is monitoring the process for obtaining the 2006 Grasslands' contract; following Comr. Hoffarth's intervention, a \$2,335.00 reduction in our 2006 insurance bill has been finalized; the gear sheets from Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 have been received; the Quad District meeting was held in Pleasantville; following recent newspaper article regarding the under funding of Service Award programs on Long Island, Comr. Hoffarth has dispatched a letter to the actuary to examine our Service Award funding and insure it is adequate.

Comr. Nicoletti reported as a result of a minor accident on Columbus Avenue, Engine 84's mirror was damaged and the insurance forms have been submitted. Following a brief discussion about the dangerous condition of the utility poles on Columbus Avenue just north of Cedar Street, Comr. McCarthy indicated he will speak with Town Supervisor Meehan and a bill for the damages will be sent to Con Edison.

Comr. Buonassisi reported service was performed on Car 2481, Car 2482, Engine 84 and Tower Ladder 49 and a recall on the door latches for Engine 82 is being addressed as well.

Comr. Nicoletti raised the issue of the vacant seat on the Board of Fire Commissioners due to the unfortunate departure of Terry Nethercott. Comr. Nicoletti continued by saying the Board should continue to have balanced representation by civilians and a member from each Company. Comr. Nicoletti indicated this model has worked very effectively in recent years and he supports this. Comr. Nicoletti placed in nomination Michael Deegan to fill the vacant seat. Comr. McCarthy requested this issue be discussed at a closed work session and expressed disappointment this was not more fully discussed prior to this nomination.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nicoletti/Hoffarth to appoint Michael Deegan to serve as Commissioner until 12/31/06. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nicoltti/Hoffarth to grant the Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 permission to use the truck room for a Plant Sale to be held on 5/13 and 5/14 and for a Wet Down to be held on 5/19/06 as the Engine 81 to 330 Columbus Avenue for the plant sale. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Nicoletti to accept the recommendation of the Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 to terminate in bad standing the membership of Corey Green and to place FF Anthony Gisondi on military leave. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. McCarthy/Nicoletti to grant permission for Chief Pille to secure the deposits required for the Inspection dinner and the parade band. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/McCarthy to permit Car 2481, Car 2482, Patrol 12, Engine 81 and two first line apparatus per Company to be determined by each Company Captain to attend the Pleasantville parade. MC.

In response to Comr. McCarthy's suggestion to Assistant Chief King that a date and possible location be selected for the Inspection in 2007, Assistant Chief King indicated 6/2/07 is the date for next year's Inspection.

Comr. Buonassisi swore in Michael Deegan as Commissioner.

Mr. Bonanno inquired about the process for the appointment of a Commissioner, the annual election process in December and the legal requirements. Comr. Buonassisi addressed each of his concerns.

Captain Oudheusden reported some minor scratches still remaining on TL-49 after its return from the body shop. Comr. Buonassisi would follow up with Captain Oudheusden.

With no other business to come before the Board of Fire Commissioners, it was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Nicoletti to adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Michael Deegan
District Secretary**