

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for April 13, 2005

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for April 13, 2005 was convened at 7:43p.m. by Vice-Chairman Nethercott.

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

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Buonassisi to accept the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for March 9, 2005 as read. MC.

Correspondence: 1. A letter from Elaine Rocco, Assistant Commissioner of Human Resources, Westchester County acknowledging receipt of the Gross Earnings Report for 2004 by the Fire District with no action required; 2. A letter from Campbell Supply Company, Inc. with enclosure of the executed contracts for both the pumper and the utility truck indicating the 100% Performance Bonds will be sent under a different cover; 3. A letter from Campbell Supply Company, Inc. with enclosures of the 100% Performance Bonds for the new pumper and utility trucks; 4. A letter from the Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 reporting Richard Brown, Jr. has been accepted as a member of the company; 5. A letter from the Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 requesting permission to use the truck room for it's annual plant sale and permission to relocate Engine 81 to 330 Columbus Avenue during the plant sale; 6. A letter from District Counsel, William N. Young, Jr. enclosing a copy of a draft resolution to amend the Service Award Program to allow for post entitlement participation.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Buonassisi to accept for membership in the Valhalla Fire Department Richard Brown, Jr. who was then sworn in by Vice Chairman Nethercott. MC.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$1,558.63
Deposits	\$5,666.50
Voided Checks	\$13,602.03
Vouchers	\$29,035.17
Transfers (DBP SAP)	\$12,452.28
Transfers (MMkt)	\$25,000.00
Closing Balance	\$4,339.71

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

Regular Checking	\$4,339.71
Fire District Money Market	\$96,476.22
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$51,248.67
Capital Reserve CTF. Of Deposit	\$677,435.83
Building Reserve Money Market	\$1,477.93
Building Reserve CTF. Of deposit	\$40,417.98
Repair Reserve Money Market	\$4,395.20
Repair Reserve CTF. Of Deposit	\$21,249.53
TOTAL:	\$897,041.07

CHECKS:

3548	VERIZON	\$198.13	
3549	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$62.45	
3550	AAA EMERGENCY	\$1,251.00	
3551	HAWTHORNE FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$896.67	
3552	CON EDISON	\$624.33	
3553	COMPTROLLER		\$869.25
3554	AMERICAN EXPRESS	\$99.78	
3555	ROBERTS COMPANY, INC.	\$114.49	
3556	MTA- METRO NORTH	\$3.00	
3557	THE JOURNAL NEWS	\$57.52	
3558	UTICA NATIONAL INS. GROUP		\$4,274.00
3559	RECEIVER OF TAXES	\$1,446.37	
3560	HUMMEL & BUTLER, CPA'S	\$495.70	
3561	THOMAS MCCARTHY	\$4.42	
3562	SHELL OIL COMPANY	\$44.13	
3563	NYS DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	\$100.00	
3564	VERIZON	\$15.63	
3565	EXXON/MOBIL	\$229.18	
3566	JEFF STUDER	\$780.00	
3567	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	\$318.83	
3568	MICHAEL DEEGAN	\$1,108.20	
3569	CABLEVISION	\$44.95	
3570	MT. PLEASANT WATER DISTRICT	\$21.00	
3571	TRILEX	\$1,538.88	
3572	KRISTEN CIANCIO	\$807.15	
3573	UNION CENTRAL LIFE	\$12,452.28	
3574	ROGER KING	\$17.86	
3575	ANTHONY MATRANGA		\$10.22
3576	MICHAEL DEEGAN	\$1,085.25	
3577	KRISTEN CIANCIO	\$64.50	
TOTAL:			\$29,035.17

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Buonassisi to accept the Chief report as read for April 2005. MC. Chief Pille reports during the month of March 2005 there were: 37 Alarms for 456 man hrs.; 3 Department Drills for 170 man hrs.; 11 Company Drills for 159 man hrs.; 2 Meeting for 76 man hrs.; 1 Misc. for 2 man hrs. for a total of 994 man hours. Chief Pille reported he will be out of town from 4/16-24/05. Chief Pille reported 2 letter of commendation and appreciation have been received by the Department from citizens of the District; Chief Pille reported the Hawthorne Fire Department has invited the Valhalla Fire Department to participate in a training drill on 4/30/05 and a training drill with the Thornwood Fire Department on 5/7/05. Chief Pille reported he has received no additional information from the Grasslands Chief regarding Chief Pille's concerns regarding 90 Woods Road. Chief Pille reported Police Chief Alagno will review the accountability tags of the Valhalla Fire Department relative to the NYC DEP Police request to do so. Chief Pille reported the Con Edison substation walk thru has been postponed. Chief Pille reported he will be meeting with Westchester County, DES Captain Novohradsky to discuss Sun Pro software on 5/3/05. Chief Pille reported the Pleasantville FD is planning a MCD in August 2005 in which members of Rescue 9 will be needed for de-con. Chief Pille has reviewed the "After Action Shaft 18 Drill Report" which indicates the members of the volunteer fire department conducted themselves professionally and effectively. Chief Pille reported the state and county are now requiring all departments must participate in the NIMS training including members take Level 100, officers at least Level 200 and chief officers at least

Level 300 as a condition for receiving any grants. Chief Pille reported he has asked Chief Rogers, Thornwood FD, for the FIT test machine and the accountability/I.D. machine be returned to Valhalla. Chief reported that Assistant Chief King reported an oil leak in Engine 84 which has been addressed by Comr. Nethercott. Chief Pille reported Commissioner/Firefighter McCarthy was seriously injured in a fall while conducting a training drill at 90 Franklin Avenue. Chief Pille is conducting an investigation and will report at the next officers' meeting. Chief Pille reported members of the Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 participated in a MCD with the No. White Plains FD at the MTA train yards. Chief Pille reported the gear inspection sheets for the Independent Fire Company have been completed.

Comr. Buonassisi reported vehicular service was performed on the Ford Bronco and Crown-Victoria.

Comr. Nethercott reported the oil leak in the new Engine 84 has been repaired with a new valve cover. Comr. Nethercott reported an appointment has been made to travel to Orlando, Fla. on 5/9/05 to examine the final drawings for the new apparatus. Comr. Nethercott reported the testing of Engine 83 has been postponed and TL-49 will need service before the UL testing is conducted.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Buonassisi to permit two members of the Independent Fire Company Truck Committee to travel to Orlando, Fla. at District expense to examine the final drawings for the new apparatus. MC.

Comr. Hoffarth reported the new Chief's car will arrive this week and will have the car's accessories installed soon after. Comr. Hoffarth reported the old Engine 82 has been removed from all insurance policies. Comr. Hoffarth reported the contracts for the new pumper and utility truck have been signed and returned to Campbell Supply Company, Inc. Comr. Hoffarth reported he is continuing to work with County Legislator Astorino on the Grasslands' contract. Comr. Hoffarth reported through the efforts of Deputy Treasurer Matranga a \$6,500 grant has been received by the District. Comr. Hoffarth reported he attended a records management meeting and will pursue additional grant funding. Comr. Hoffarth reported the state fire reports for 2004, sent to Red Alert, have been received by them and are under review at present. Comr. Hoffarth reported the arrangements for annual physical with Family Medical have been established and he encouraged the Chief to remind members the physicals must be completed no later than 10/31/05. Comr. Hoffarth requested copies of the training records for Fire Squad members Owens and Abdul. Comr. Hoffarth reported the next Quad District meeting will be held in Pleasantville on 4/18/05.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Buonassisi to adopt the draft resolution submitted by District Counsel William N. Young, Jr. amending the Service Award Program to allow for post entitlement participation. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Buonassisi not to pursue the acquisition of a used van from the Town of Mt. Pleasant. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Buonassisi to permit four District officials to attend the annual Fire Expo in Baltimore from 7/27-30/05. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Buonassisi/Hoffarth to permit the Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 to use the truck room for their annual plant sale and relocate Engine 81 to 330 Columbus Avenue on May 8th and 9th, 2005. MC.

With no other business to come before the Board of Fire Commissioners, it was moved on a motion made by Comr. Buonassisi/Hoffarth to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Michael J. Deegan,
District Secretary**