

**The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for August 10, 2005**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was convened by Chairamn McCarthy at 7:30p.m.

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

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Nethercott to accept the minutes of the regular monthly meeting for July 13, 2005.

Correspondence: 1. A letter from William N. Young, Jr., District Counsel with attachment regarding the proposed resolution (#37) for changes to the Service Award Program; 2. A letter from William N. Young, Jr. regarding the formulation of a town-wide confined space rescue team relative to Town law; 3. A letter from the Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 accepting the resignation of FS member Patrick Burke along with FS Burke's letter of resignation in good standing; 4. A letter from the Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 accepting for membership FF Christy Lee Percopo (E-9); 5. A letter from the Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 requesting assistance with obtaining further funding to install a generator.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Buonassisi/Nicoletti to accept for membership in the Valhalla Fire Department Christy Lee Percopo. MC. Chairman McCarthy administered the oath of office to FF Christy Lee Percopo.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Balance Forward	\$3,891.43
Deposits	\$267.85
Transfers (From MMkt)	\$80,000.00
Transfers (From RepRes)	\$4,666.35
#3648 Cleared 49.95 s/b 44.95	\$5.00
Paid Vouchers	\$83,123.49
Closing Balance	\$5,697.14

**STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:**

Regular Checking	\$5,697.14
Fire District Money Market	\$12,958.57
Fire District CTF. of Deposit	\$320,000.00
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$389,360.47
Capital Reserve CTF. of Deposit	\$500,000.00
Building Reserve Money Market	\$11,943.20
Building Reserve CTF. of Deposit	\$50,168.45
Repair Reserve Money Market	\$10,161.55
Reserve CTF. of Deposit	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,311,289.38

**CHECKS:**

3709	VERIZON	\$286.76
3710	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$67.05

3711	THE BANK OF NEW YORK	\$160.00
3712	AAA EMERGENCY	\$1,152.25
3713	CHARLS STOTZ, INC.	\$1,622.92
3714	VALHALLA DELI	\$81.00
3715	XEROX CORPORATION	\$399.30
3716	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	\$25.43
3717	FAMILY MEDICAL CARE	\$3,071.00
3718	TOWN OF GREENBURGH	\$987.50
3719	BERGER HARDWARE	\$97.10
3720	CON EDISON	\$22.62
3721	NEXTEL WIRELESS	\$50.00
3722	AMERICAN EXPRESS OPE	\$4,666.35
3723	THE JOURNAL NEWS	\$58.53
3724	UTICA NATIONAL INS.	\$4,244.00
3725	FIRE DISTRICTS OF NY	\$33,323.00
3726	BERLIN IMPORTS	\$99.00
3727	HUMMEL & BUTLER, CPA'S	\$4,284.00
3728	T.J. NETHERCOTT	\$106.09
3729	RALPH NICOLETTI	\$25.00
3730	GALLS, INC.	\$240.64
3731	THOMAS McCARTHY	\$211.91
3732	DEAN A. HUSZAR	\$280.00
3733	SHELL OIL CO.	\$20.20
3734	NYS DEPT. OF TRANS.	\$100.00
3735	N. E. SPORTWEAR	\$632.90
3736	VERIZON	\$15.53
3737	HIGHMARK LIFE INSURANCE	\$16,808.00
3738	PERFECT COMPUTER	\$30.00
3739	EXXON/MOBIL	\$286.08
3740	PITNEY BOWES	\$114.75
3741	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	\$386.35
3742	CABLEVISION	\$44.95
3743	GRAINGER	\$7,500.00
3744	CARLUCCI'S PIZZA	\$202.30
3745	HI-TECH FIRE & SAFETY	\$1,420.98
TOTAL: (37)		\$83,123.49

**TRANSFERS:**

From:	Fire District Money Market #670018941	
To:	Checking # 670-0672326	\$80,000.00
From:	Investor's Choice #677-57221101	
To:	Investor's Choice #670-0184941	\$100,000.00
From:	Investor's Certificate #677-5662849	
To:	Investor's Choice #670-0184941	\$50,000.00
From:	Investor's Choice #670-0184941	
To:	Investor's Certificate #670-0184941	\$75,000.00
From:	Investor's Choice #670-0185042	
To:	Investor's Certificate to Mature on 11/10/05	\$10,000.00
From:	Investor's Choice #670-0184895	

To: Certificate of Deposit to mature on 10/20/05 \$350,000.00  
From: Investor's Choice #670-0184887  
To: Commercial Checking Acc't #670-0672326 \$4,666.35  
(to Cover Check # 3722 to American Express)

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Buonassisi/Nethercott to accept as read the Chief's report for August 2005. During the month of July 2005 there were: 24 Alarms for 437.5 man hrs.; 2 Dept. Drills for 129 man hrs.; 5 Company Drills for 82 man hrs.; 2 Meetings for 90 man hrs.; 13 Trainings for 150 man hrs.; 5 Misc. for 149 man hrs.; 1 Standby for 125 man hrs. for a TOTAL of 1,162.5 man hours. Chief Pille reported he has been in contact with the Mt. Pleasant Water Department regarding two disabled hydrants one in front of Columbus Elementary School where parts have been ordered and the other at the intersection of Columbus and Stevens Avenues at which a brand new hydrant will be installed upon receipt of the ordered hydrant. FF's Rutherford and Cavallo have applied to take the Firefighter Survival course at Camp Smith 9/9/05-9/10/05. Chief Pille reported he and Assistant Chief King are registered for the ICS 300 class from 9/13-29/05. The Pleasantville VAC MCI drill has been officially cancelled. Chief Pille reported that he, Comrs. Hoffarth and Nethercott and FF K. Nethercott met with Westchester County DES' Captain John Novoroski regarding the Sun Pro computer software program and its application to the Valhalla Fire District. Chief Pille reported he has not received any interest from any member about the Town's confined space course. FF J. Primerano has begun FIT Tests this month. Chief Pille reported no member has expressed interest in a FASNY sponsored emergency vehicle roll over prevention seminar. Chief Pille reported he has posted flyers regarding the Hawthorne Fire Department's sponsoring an engine company operations' seminar with several guest speakers on October 29, 2005 with a \$25 registration fee at the door or \$20 for advanced fee. Comr. Hoffarth indicated the Board will discuss the fee with the Hawthorne Board. Chief Pille reported FF Martell is organizing a fire squad/junior corps Quad District drill with the ambulance corps on 9/25/05 at the Fire Training Center smoke house followed by a critique and lunch. Chief Pille reported the Doug Davis house has been torn down and is no longer available for training. Chief Pille reported he will be attending the HBO premiere of "Dirty Wars," which the County's Counter Terrorism Zone 3 Task Force is sponsoring at the Rye Towne Hilton on 9/1/05. Chief Pille reported he has been in contact with the Westchester County Office of Emergency Management to apply for reimbursement for operations during the last two major storms. Chief Pille reported he is planning an additional pre-plan walk through at Blythedale Children's Hospital. Chief Pille reported he has spoken to Thornwood Fire Chief Rogers regarding the proposed changes to the dual response protocols and a meeting has been arranged for that discussion. Chief Pille reported he has reviewed the accident and injury S.O.P.'S. Chief Pille reported a structure fire took place at 14 Broadway in the village at which two firefighters were injured. Lt. Michael Palmerini was taken to WMC for treatment of facial burns and was kept overnight and FF M. Kohany, Jr. was treated and released for heat exhaustion. Comr. McCarthy congratulated the Chief on a job well done at the structure fire.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Nethercott to permit FF's Rutherford and Cavallo to attend the firefighter survival course at Camp Smith. MC.

There was a brief discussion regarding the use of mutual aid and dual response S.O.P.'s relating to proposed changes initiated by Chief Rogers of the Thornwood Fire Department as well as the use of Rescue 9 responding into the Hawthorne Fire District. Following the discussion, Comr. Hoffarth, expressing his frustration with any unauthorized change in the mutual aid/dual response agreement, requested that Chief Pille meet with Chief Rogers and that any proposed changes to the mutual aid/dual response contractual agreements with the Quad District be presented at the next Quad District meeting and must be approved by the Quad Districts. In addition, Comr Hoffarth suggested a meeting between

Chief Pille, Comr. McCarthy and Lt. Deegan be scheduled to discuss the role of fire Commissioners and firematic operations, the mutual aid/dual response S.O.P.'s and radio communications.

Comr Nethercott reported he had a meeting with Bill Bartos of Campbell Supply Co., Inc, to finalize Utility 59 specifications and arrangements. Comr. Nethercott reported Tower Ladder 49 service has been completed and is in fine condition, although Campbell Supply Company, Inc replaced a mirror broken by them during the return trip to Valhalla. Comr. Nethercott reported the server for the District office was reset by the computer technician. Comr. Nethercott reported the meeting with the County regarding the Sun Pro software was very successful and the District should proceed with this program. Comr. Hoffarth suggested we run both Red Alert and Sun Pro for a year before transitioning to Sun Pro which is provided at no cost by the County. Comr. Nethercott reported the Independent Fire Company has received their generator and will be installed shortly.

Comr. Buonassisi reported the air conditioner in the Jeep was serviced and the rear bumper was repaired, the on-spot chains for Rescue 9 have been received and will be installed this month.

Comr. Nicoletti reported injury reports for the three members injured during the month have been submitted and are being processed by the District's insurance carrier.

Comr. Hoffarth reported the audit for the 2004 budget has been received and distributed to the Board members. Referring to the audit, Comr. Hoffarth indicated that while the insurance budget line appears to be \$18,000 over budget, in fact, factoring in the rebate dividend, and the fire companies' payment the overage is approximately only \$1,600. This will be footnoted when revised.

As a follow up to the meeting with the County regarding the Sun Pro project, Comr. Hoffarth reported he has requested an IMA which will be signed and returned, and upon approval, FF K. Nethercott will meet with County technicians and the system should be up and running by October. Comr. Hoffarth acknowledge receipt of William N. Young, Jr.'s letter about the Fire Squad and the Service Award Program. Comr. Hoffarth reported the District's new website is functioning and is under construction with necessary documents and materials in the hands of the webmaster. Comr. Hoffarth reported all required documentation requested by the County for the new radio system has been submitted. Comr. Hoffarth has been in contact with Mt. Pleasant Police Chief Alagno regarding the traffic study underway and requested the Board be kept informed as well as the developments regarding the aerator landfill project, which has been delayed. Comr. Hoffarth reported the FIT Tests are being administered this month. Comr. Hoffarth reported he has sent a letter to Town Supervisor Meehan regarding the confined space project relating to Town Law 209(b)b. Comr. Hoffarth reported there was a Quad District meeting in Thornwood. Following the submission of required paperwork to the County, Comr. Hoffarth reported the County Department of Emergency Services has approved the request to designate the new truck as Utility 59.

Comr. McCarthy reported he has two hydrant gates on order and expects them to be delivered shortly. Comr. McCarthy reported one new gate is to replace a gate which was lost a year or so ago and the other to replace an irreparable gate costing about \$1,000 each. Comr. McCarthy inquired whether the hydrant in the village, which failed during the recent structure fire was repaired. Comr. McCarthy expressed concern over the fact the hydrant, which is required to be serviced by the Town regularly did not function. Assistant Chief King, who made an inspection of the hydrant the following day reported the hydrant was not repaired the day following the fire. Comr Nethercott reported, the hydrant in question has been repaired since that inspection by Assistant Chief King. Comr. McCarthy reported that another length of four-inch hose failed during the operation at the structure fire, but it did not interfere with fire operations. Comr. Nethercott indicated

that there is a schedule to replace additional four-inch lengths. Comr Nethercott and Hoffarth reported that four sets 4 inch lengths of hose have been purchased this year with an additional four lengths to be ordered and all eight new lengths to be placed on Engine 84 securing that engine to have completely new four-inch hose and when the new Engine 82 is delivered, eight new lengths should be obtained for that engine.

Comr. Hoffarth indicated the Chief should review and update the personal injury accident S.O.P.'s. Comr. Hoffarth indicated that once these recommendations are received from the Chief regarding the [personal injury S.O.P.'s, the Board should approve the changes and have the Chief disseminate them to the entire department. In response to a question from Comr Hoffarth, Comr. McCarthy indicated that the house key, pager, turnout gear, dress uniform and breast badge have been received from Nicholas Pinto, but his identification card and hat badge have not been returned.

In response to the letter from Valhalla Fire Company No.1's request for additional outside funding to assist in the installation of a new generator, Comr. Hoffarth indicated he would seek to identify any external funding which can be used.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Nethercott to accept the resignation in goods standing of FS Patrick Burke. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr Hoffarth/Nicoletti to adopt Resolution 37. MC.

#### RESOLUTION 37

#### SERVICE AWARD – AGE DETERMINATION

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Valhalla Fire District at its regularly scheduled meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2005 that;

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners have heretofore instituted a Service Award Program for the benefit of the active volunteer firefighters of the Valhalla Fire Department; and

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners have also heretofore created a program allowing for the participation in the volunteer fire department by individuals who have not yet obtained the age of eighteen (18); and

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners are desirous of affording those individuals who are active volunteer firefighters but who have not yet obtained the age of eighteen (18) the opportunity to participate in the LOSAP Program; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 217 of the General Municipal Law the Board of Fire Commissioners may allow for participation in the program at an earlier age than eighteen (18);

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Valhalla Fire District, to allow individuals who are active volunteer firefighters and who have not yet obtained that age of eighteen (18), to participate in its Service Award Program and to accrue the benefits afforded thereunder this resolution.

The motion was made by Commissioner Hoffarth, seconded by Commissioner Nicoletti, with the following Commissioners voting in the affirmative;

This resolution was adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Valhalla Fire District, held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2005.

**It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Nethercott to obtain the County's Sun Pro system and integrate and transition its use by the District. MC.**

**It was decided to have the next Board workshop to discuss the 2006 budget and other issues on September 8, 2005 at 7:30p.m.**

**Lt. Brown invited members of the Board and Chiefs to the Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 Annual Picnic to be held on September 5, 2005 at Bradhurst Field. R.S.V.P. to Lt. Brown or Comr. McCarthy.**

**With no other business to come before the Board of Fire Commissioners, it was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nicoletti/Nethercott to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Michael J. Deegan  
District Secretary**