

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for February 8, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for February 8, 2006 was convened by Chairman Buonassisi at 7:30p.m.

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

Correspondence: 1.) Thank you acknowledgement from the Nicoletti family; 2.) Letter from the Independent Fire Company informing the Board Eric Lederer's District/Department issued equipment has been returned; 3.) Letter from the Firemen's Benevolent Association regarding fire squad members being included for membership in the Benevolent; 4.) Letter from William N. Young, Jr, District Counsel, regarding Financial Information for Fire District Officials(General Municipal Law 11(6)); 5.) Letter from Ralph Butler, Westchester County Commissioner of Public Works regarding the design phase of the resurfacing of Columbus Avenue; 6.) A congratulatory letter from Chief Syd Henry, Elmsford Fire Department, acknowledging the professionalism of the Rescue 9 crew at a recent structure fire as the F.A.S.T. Team; 7.) Letter of resignation was received from Terrence Nethercott as Fire Commssioner.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$233.74
Deposits	\$5,487.51
Transfers (from M Mrkt)	\$15,000.00
Vouchers	\$19,377.26
Closing Balance	\$1,343.99

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

Regular Checking	\$1,343.99
Fire District Money Market	\$84,943.25
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$900,904.70
Building Reserve Money Market	\$2,968.34
Building Reserve CTF. of Deposit	\$60,000.00
Repair Reserve Money Market	\$1,408.70
Repair Reserve CTF. of Deposit	\$20,000.00
TOTAL:	\$1,071,568.98

CHECKS:

3939	KENNETH HOFFARTH	\$24.71
3940	VERIZON	\$71.26
3941	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$64.43
3942	CARDMEMBER SERVICES	\$554.09
3943	CHARLES STOTZ, INC.	\$79.40
3944	FIRE SYSTEMS, INC.	\$165.00
3945	MICHAEL G. GRIECO	\$1,154.00
3946	XEROX CORPORATION	\$199.65
3947	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	\$50.47
3948	TOWN OF GREENBURGH	\$987.50

3949	CON EDISON	\$630.19
3950	COMPROLLER	\$435.78
3951	EFFICIENCY PRINTING	\$217.00
3952	AMERICAN EXPRESS	\$2,432.77
3953	THE JOURNAL NEWS	\$39.96
3954	UTICA NATIONAL INS.	\$255.00
3955	HUMMEL & BUTLER, CPA'S	\$663.66
3956	THOMAS MCCARTHY	\$76.57
3957	PAT'S VALHALLA DELI	\$132.37
3958	ASSOC. OF F.D. OF WEST.	\$400.00
3959	NYS DEPT. OF TRANS.	\$100.00
3960	VERIZON	\$15.24
3961	CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO, INC	\$221.70
3962	NFPA	\$135.00
3963	EXXON/MOBIL	\$170.83
3964	PITNEY BOWES	\$114.75
3965	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	\$305.84
3966	CABLEVISION	\$29.95
3967	ANTHONY CIANCIO	\$18.14
3968	GRAINGER	\$152.91
3969	WEIN, YOUNG, FENTON, ESQ	\$1,500.00
3970	CREATIVE AUTO BODY	\$5,653.40
3971	CORSI TIRE	\$2,216.00
3972	PITNEY BOWES	\$20.72
3973	GRAINGER	<u>\$88.97</u>
TOTAL (35):		\$19,377.65

TRANSFERS:

TO:	Money Market #6700184941	
FROM:	Checking #670-0672326	\$15,000.00

TO:	Building Reserve Fund #677-5790421	
FROM:	Repair Reserve #670-0184887	\$10,000.00

TO:	Building Reserve Fund #677-5721349	
FROM:	Building Reserve Fund #670-0185042	\$10,000.00

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nethercott/Nicoletti to accept Chief Pille's report as read. MC. Activity Report for January 2006: 24 Alarms for 691 man hrs.; 6 Dept. Drills for 213 man hrs.; 13 Company Drills for 223 man hrs.; 2 Meetings for 102 man hrs.; 16 Trainings for 136 man hrs.; 5 Misc. for 81 man hrs.; TOTAL: 1,446 man hours. On behalf of the Officers and members of the Department, Chief Pille and Assistant Chief King expressed their appreciation to Comr. Nethercott for his years of service as Fire Commissioner to the District and Department and wished him the very best in the future. Chief Pille will arrange for on-line radiation detection training for the Department Officers, who will in turn train the members. Chief Pille reported he was able to enroll 3 firefighters in Truck Operations and 1 for the FAST training. Chief Pille reported he has received keys for the new Homeless Shelter on the Grasslands Reservation. Chief Pille reported evacuation procedures have been arranged for a handicap student located on the third floor of the Student Learning Center of New York Medical College in the event of an emergency. Chief Pille reported the table top drill for the Kensico Dam Drill is scheduled for 2/26/06. Chief Pille reported he is in the process of arranging the meal with the caterer for the Department Inspection in June 2006. Chief Pille reported the Department parades for 2006 include: Pleasantville, Elmsford, Mt. Kisco, Hudson Valley and Memorial Day and

bands have been secured for all parades except Hudson Valley, which does not require a band. Chief Pille reported 17 & 19 Skyline Drive have Knox boxes and keys. Chief Pille reported he participated in a meeting with County Legislator Swanson, Comr. Sutton and the Volunteers of America regarding EMS response procedures. Chief Pille indicated he will submit to the Board an updated Cascade list at the next Board meeting. Chief Pille reported he is still awaiting receipt of the District hydrant map from the Town of Mt. Pleasant Water Department. Chief Pille reported he has received no update on the purchasing of new uniform dress shirts from Corm. McCarthy. Chief Pille reported receipt of the gear report from the Independent Fire Company. Chief Pille reported the Department meeting is schedule for 2/16/06 at 7:30p.m. at Valhalla Fire Company No. 1. Chief Pille reported 8 members have committed to the E.V.O.C. course.

Comr. Nethercott reported the office computer has been moved into the main office at 330 Columbus Avenue. Comr. Nethercott report final inspection and sign off of Utility 59 will take place on 2/10/06 via video and digital pictures.

Comr. Nicoletti reported no accidents or injuries have taken place during the month of January 2006. Comr. Nicoletti reported a reimbursement check from the District's insurance carrier has been received for repairs to Car 2482 in the amount of \$5,153.00. Comr. Nicoletti requested the return of group life insurance forms from the Fire Squad members of Lt. Brown of Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 who indicated he would speak with Captain Bratton.

Comr. Buonassisi reported the insurance adjustor has inspected the damage to TL-49, which will be repaired shortly, and the tires have already been replaced on TL-49.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Nethercott to authorize that FF Kirk Baker may attend a NYS certified Emergency Medical Technician course with reimbursement contingent of successful completion of the course. MC.

Comr. Hoffarth expressed sincere gratitude to Comr. Nethercott for his years of service as Commissioer of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Citing his many accomplishments and initiatives created by Comr. Nethercott such as the District's new technology program, his work with design of TL-49 and Utility 59, the FIT Test program, the accountability/I.D. card system, the hose and ladder testing program as well as many many unseen projects, Comr. Hoffarth expressed his profound appreciation and that of the Board and members of the Department for all that Comr. Nethercott has accomplished during his service as Fire Commissioner. Comr. Hoffarth said that Comr. Nethercott will be missed and his contributions to the District/Department long lasting.

Comr. Hofarth reported the noon whistle has been repaired as well as the scanners at 330 Columbus Avenue and 14 Columbus Avenue. Comr. Hoffarth reported chargers for pagers have been purchased and others have been repaired. Comr. Hoffarth reported the pool pass list has been sent to the Town. Comr. Hoffarth reported the site visit to Florida to inspect Utility 59 was very productive. Comr. Hoffarth reported the Service Award statements will be sent out to members shortly. Comr. Hoffarth reported the 2005 Grassland' contract has been approved. Comr. Hoffarth reported at the recent Quad District meeting the topic of the Kensico Dam was discussed with Police Chief Alagno. Comr. Hoffarth reported radios for Engine 82 have been ordered. Comr. Hoffarth reported he was in attendance along with Chief Pille at a recent meeting held by County Legislator Swanson at the new Homeless Shelter to review safety issues. Comr. Hoffarth reported a Department informational meeting is being planned to discuss the Service Award Program. Comr. Hoffarth reported the results of the Scott pak/bottles as well as the gear inspection documents have been received from the Independent Fire Company. Comr.

Hoffarth reported the recent County Association meeting was held at 330 Columbus Avenue.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Nicoletti to rescind the membership of FF Kowalczyk from the Department. MC.

In response to Comr. Hoffarth's question to Chief Pille as to whether he has received plans on the Ron Rose project, Chief Pille indicated no such plans have been forwarded to his attention. Comr. Hoffarth reported the 2003 Service Award Audit has been completed. Comr. Hoffarth reported the Safe Driving course will be held 2/20/06 & 2/27/06 at 330 Columbus Avenue. Comr. Hoffarth reported the Department Brunch is scheduled for Casa Rina Restaurant on 2/12/06 at 11A.M. Comr. Hoffarth requested Chief Pille and Assistant Chief King remind members to submit copies of course certifications for personnel files. Comr. Hoffarth requested members of the Board submit all credit card receipts as soon as possible to his attention. In response to Comr. Hoffarth questions regarding the submission of state reports for 2005 to New York State, Comr. Nethercott indicated he will contact FF K. Nethercott who will submit the state forms as soon as possible.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Nicoletti to permit five District officials to attend the 3/16/06 teleconference at B.O.C.E.S. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Nicoletti to accept with profound regret the resignation of Terrence Nethercott as Fire Commissioner of the Valhalla Fire District. MC.

Lt. Brown asked the Board to explain the reason why Thomas Fox was not accepted for membership at this meeting. Lt. Brown was informed by Comr. Hoffarth, Nethercott and District Secretary Deegan that all the required documents were not present for review, especially the report from Family Medical Care, and his application could not be voted on at the meeting without all the paperwork. Lt. Brown was advised to speak to Captain Bratton and Company Secretary Groenwegen who have the guidelines for processing new applications.

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 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Deegan
District Secretary