

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for October 12, 2005

Chairman McCarthy convened the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners at 7:30p.m. with a moment of silence for members of the Armed Services.

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

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nicoletti/Nethercott to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2005 regular monthly meeting as read. MC.

Correspondence: 1. A letter from Valhalla Fire Company No.1 reporting the acceptance for membership Walter J. Kowalczyk as a Fire Squad member; 2. A letter from Valhalla Fire Company No. 1 reporting the acceptance for membership Corey A. Green, Robert J. Martell, Jr. and Lars Leithner.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Buonassisi/Hoffarth to accept for membership in the Department's Fire Squad Walter J. Kowalczyk pending the full completion of a physical examination by the Department physician. MC. FS was sworn in by Chairman McCarthy.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nethercott/Buonassisi to accept for membership FF's Corey A. Green, Robert J. Martell, Jr. and Lars Leithner pending the full completion of their physical examinations by the Department physician. MC. Chairman McCarthy swore in FF's Corey A. Green, Robert J. Martell, Jr. and Lars Leithner.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$5,077.12
Deposits	\$1,020.55
Transfers (from MMkt)	\$15,000.00
Vouchers	\$20,021.00
Voided Check #3798 & #3807	\$1,452.88
Closing Balance	\$2,529.55

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

Regular Checking	\$2,529.55
Fire District Money Market	\$78,944.11
Fire District CTF. of Deposit	\$140,000.00
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$38,746.25
Capital Reserve CTF. of Deposit	\$850,000.00
Building Reserve Money Market	\$2,098.09
Building Reserve CTF. of Deposit	\$60,151.26
Repair Reserve Money Market	\$10,170.68
Repair Reserve CTF. of Deposit	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,193,639.94

CHECKS:

3783	KENNETH HOFFARTH	\$15.00
3784	VERIZON	\$71.71

3785	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$59.31
3786	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	\$51.88
3787	AAA EMERGENCY	\$3,118.00
3788	HAWTHORNE FIRE DISTRICT	\$952.20
3789	CHARLES STOTZ, INC.	\$541.00
3790	FIRE SYSTEMS, INC.	\$590.00
3791	VALHALLA DELI	\$54.00
3792	MICHAEL G. GRIECO	\$2,385.00
3793	FAMILY MEDICAL CARE, PC.	\$3,871.00
3794	CON EDISON	\$25.03
3795	AMERICAN EXPRESS	\$396.43
3796	NYS ASSOC. OF FIRE CHEIFS	\$100.00
3797	UTICA NATIONAL INS. GROUP	\$3,050.00
3798	HUMMEL & BUTLER, CPA'S	\$904.00—VOID
3799	RALPH NICOLETTI	\$25.00
3800	VALHALLA GARDEN CENTER	\$51.60
3801	SUNOCO	\$43.48
3802	WELDING EQUIPMENT	\$60.50
3803	NYS DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	\$100.00
3804	GREG PILLE	\$14.80
3805	VERIZON	\$15.52
3806	NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL	\$250.00
3807	EXXON/MOBIL	\$548.88—VOID
3808	UNDERWRITES' LABORATORY	\$850.00
3809	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	\$296.88
3810	CABLEVISION	\$44.95
3811	MT. PLEASANT WATER DISTRICT	\$81.95
3812	E & J BILLING SERVICE	\$140.04
3813	HUMMEL & BUTLER, CPA'S	\$585.00
3814	DEAN A. HUSZAR	\$319.00
3815	EXXON/MOBIL	<u>\$408.84</u>
	TOTAL: (33)	\$18,568.12

TRANSFERS:

FROM:	Fire District MM #6700184941	
TO:	Checking #670-0672326	\$15,000.00
FROM:	Investor's Certificate #677-5662962	
TO:	Investor's Choice #670-0184941	\$30,000.00
FROM:	Investor's Certificate #677-5721179	
TO:	Investor's Choice #670-0184895	\$350,000.00
FROM:	Investor's Choice #670-0184895	
TO:	CTF. of Deposit Matures on 11/20/2005	\$350,000.00
FROM:	Investor's Certificate #677-5663187	
TO:	Investor's Choice #670-0185042	\$10,000.00
FROM:	Investor's Choice #670-0185042	
TO:	CTF. of Deposit Matures on 3/20/2006	\$10,000.00

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nethercott/Hoffarth to accept the Chief's Report as read by Secretary Deegan. MC. The Activity Report for September 2005 is as follows: 28 Alarms for 304 man hrs.; 6 Dept. Drills for 256 man hrs.; 9 Company Drills for 127 man hrs.; 2 Meetings for 98 man hrs.; 10 Misc. for 170 man hrs.; TOTAL: 967 man hours. Chief Pille reported the following in his written report to the Board: School visits were held but Blythedale Hospital and All Aboard Nursery cancelled due to poor weather. Open House is being held this evening from 5:00pm-8:00pm at each firehouse. The Chief wanted to thank Comrs. McCarthy and Hoffarth for their assistance in securing supplies for the open house; the Memorial Service is going to be held Sunday, 10/11/05 at the Village Green followed by breakfast, catered by Valhalla Deli, at Engine Co. #1, since the Independent Fire Company is undergoing renovations. Mt Pleasant Police Chief Louis Alagno is handling the no parking in front of the Monument with Father Joe or an associate leading the prayers. Approximately 40 people will be attending; we have secured 111 Eastview Drive for training purposes, but insurance coverage will be needed from 10/6/05 through 10/18/08. LeGrand Group LLC 590 Commerce Street, Thornwood, NY 10594 will be the additional insured; One Skyline Drive in Hawthorne has been confirmed as dual response due to the child daycare businesses that occupy the building; we are planning two drill for 10/30/05 with one at Shaft 18 with the County Haz-Mat team and the other at the Kensico Dam with Eccoll Construction and No. White Plains Fire Department. Valhalla VAC will be at both locations on 10/31/05; Assistant Chief King represented the Department at the Jimmy Boy Arena event; Chief Pille has called the County OEM to set a date to pick up the two radiation pagers; TL-49 is out of service with Thornwood covering in the evenings and Hawthorne during the daytime; Rescue 9's Lucas Tool is covering for Thornwood Fire Department until Thornwood's tool returns.

Comr. Nethercott reported Rescue 9's light tower has been repaired and TL 49's generator needs to be repaired and will be out of service for several days while Campbell Supply awaits the part. Comr. Nethercott reported both new apparatus will be due to Valhalla shortly after 1/1/06. Comr. Nethercott reported an investment meeting has been scheduled for 10/18/05.

Comr. Nicoletti reported a card and fruit basket has been sent to FF Sylvester Teclaw.

Comr. McCarthy reported the 4 inch hose and new gates ordered have arrived. Comr. McCarthy reported Campbell Supply Company is examining Engine 84's electrical system due to ongoing problems he has brought to the attention of Campbell.

Comr. Hoffarth reported the District's website will be up and running with additional elements to be added shortly. Comr. Hoffarth reported the final payment of the Records Management Grant has arrived. Comr. Hoffarth reported on a successful meeting with the County and Sun Pro representatives who will be installing the components of the program at 330 Columbus Avenue to increase the technological capabilities of the Valhalla Fire District. Comr. Hoffarth reported he has distributed to the Captains of both companies maps received from the County for Grassland Reservation. Comr. Hoffarth reported Michael G. Grieco has repaired the speaker on Engine 84 and has replaced all batteries on all fire ground radios on all apparatus. Comr. Hoffarth reported AAA Emergency Supply Company has inspected all Scott paks on all apparatus with all extinguishers to be done on 10/14/05. Comr. Hoffarth reported going forward, the Chief must sign all training vouchers to be state compliant. Comr. Hoffarth reported the District has received the ladder certification from Underwriters' Laboratory. Comr. Hoffarth reported all physicals must be complete by 10/31/05.

Comr. Hoffarth reported the Service Award Audit for 2003 is being worked on by Hummel and Butler, CPA'S. Comr. Hoffarth requested Comr. Nicoletti present to Comr. McCarthy the group life insurance paperwork so Comr. McCarthy can have the members of the Fire Squad complete all these documents. Comr. Hoffarth and Nethercott expressed

continuing dissatisfaction with the use of the photo accountability/i.d. card machine by the Quad District who have not been faithful to the schedule and care of the machine. Comr. Hoffarth will bring this up at an upcoming Quad District meeting. Comr. Hoffarth has requested that Chief Pille obtain the most current incident plan for the Kensico Dam from the NYC DEP.

After a brief discussion, Comr. McCarthy received approval from the Board to pursue the sale of Mini Attack # 1 for not less than \$7,000 with the expectation of receiving between \$7,500 to \$8,000.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nethercott/Nicoletti to approve and adopt the 2006 District budget as follows. MC.

Communications	\$12,000.00
Administration	\$36,100.00
Equipment Operations	\$33,000.00
Fire Department Operations	\$34,300.00
Insurance	\$90,000.00
Service Award Program	\$75,000.00
Personnel & Contractual	\$48,960.00
Training Operations	\$31,400.00
Vehicle & Apparatus Operations	\$33,000.00
Fire House Operations	\$83,760.00
Capital Reserve & Equipment	\$105,000.00
Building Reserve	\$10,000.00
Repair Reserve	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$602,520.00

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Nethercott to appoint S. Lederer, M. Castro, R. DiStasio, K. Ciancio and A. Matranga as inspectors for the Board of Elections to prepare the voting rolls and conduct the annual election on Tuesday, 12/13/05 at \$15 to prepare the rolls and \$35 to conduct the annual election. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nethercott/Nicoletti to permit the following District officials to attend the annual Association of Fire Districts of NYS Meeting at the Nevele: Comrs. Hoffarth, Buonassisi, Nicoletti, Nethercott, Deputy Treasurer Matranga and Financial Consultant Butler. MC.

Following a brief discussion, it was decided that the Chief of the Department must consult with the Board of Fire Commissioners prior to approving any proposed building plans within the Fire District.

Comr. Hoffarth reported the next Quad District meeting will be held on 10/17/05 with Town Supervisor Robert Meehan as the guest speaker. Both Comr. McCarthy and Hoffarth have prepared numerous issues which will be brought up to the Town Supervisor, which to date have not been addressed.

Deputy Treasurer Matrnga reported, following his examination and evaluation of the 2006 budget, the increase to the taxpayers of the Fire District for 2006 is an approximately 3.7%, which is exceedingly modest given that percentage would be significantly lower if Town reimbursement factors were reflected in the percentage.

With no other business to come before the Board of Fire Commissioners, it was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nethercott/Hoffarth to adjourn at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Michael J. Deegan
District Secretary**