

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for September 14, 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 and for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

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

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nicoletti/Hoffarth to accept the minutes of the regular monthly meeting for August 10, 2005 as read with the addition of "...Comr. Buonassisi reported the air conditioner and 'motor' were serviced in the Jeep..."

Correspondence: 1. A letter from the Independent Fire Company reporting the resignation in good standing of FF Frank Albano; 2. A letter from the Westchester County Department of Information Technology with the attached executed and approved Inter-Municipal Agreement (IT-734) between the Valhalla Fire District and Westchester County for telecommunication network services.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$5,697.14
Deposits	\$300.82
Transfers (From MMkt)	\$100,000.00
Vouchers	\$38,378.12
#3648 Cleared 49,95 s/b 44.95 (CM)	\$5.00
Transfers	\$62,547.72
Closing Balance	\$5,077.12

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:

Regular Checking	\$5,077.12
Fire District Money Market	\$18,487.71
Fire District CTF. of Deposit	\$215,000.00
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$38,930.11
Capital Reserve CTF. of Deposit	\$850,000.00
Building Reserve Money Market	\$1,945.53
Building Reserve CTF. of Deposit	\$60,168.45
Repair Reserve Money Market	\$10,166.50
Repair Reserve CTF. of Deposit	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,210,775.42

CHECKS:

3746	VERIZON	\$73.32
3747	VERIZON WIRELSSS	\$61.68
3748	AAA EMERGENCY	\$3,170.50
3749	CHARLES STOTZ, INC.	\$1,100.35
3750	XEROX CORPORATION	\$199.65
3751	BERGER HARDWARE	\$50.97

3752	CON EDISON	\$24.83
3753	COMPROLLER	\$687.33
3754	AMERICAN EXPRESS OPE	\$451.22
3755	NYS ASSOC. OF FIRE CHIEFS	\$25.00
3756	UTICA NATIONAL INS.	\$4,244.00
3757	FIRE DISTRICTS OF NY	\$220.00
3758	BERLIN IMPORTS	\$72.00
3759	HUMMEL & BUTLER, CPA'S	\$462.58
3760	PRECISION ART	\$875.00
3761	VALHALLA FIRE CO. NO. 1	\$8,102.00
3762	INDEPENDENT FIRE CO.	\$7,802.00
3763	ASSOC. OF FIRE DISTRICTS	\$1,500.00
3764	NYS DEPT. OF TRANSPOR.	\$100.00
3765	NEW ENGLAND SPORTWEAR	\$498.00
3766	VERIZON (15026)	\$15.34
3767	MICHAEL PALMERINI	\$350.00
3768	CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO.	\$2,368.42
3769	OUR DESIGNS, INC.	\$227.95
3770	GRAYROCK MEMORIALS	\$425.00
3771	WESTCHESTER CTY CCE	\$45.00
3772	EXXON/MOBIL	\$307.19
3773	UNDERWRITERS LABORA.	\$446.20
3774	AMERICAN EXPRESS	\$415.50
3775	NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	\$331.96
3776	MICHAEL DEEGAN	\$1,108.20
3777	CABLEVISION	\$44.95
3778	ASSOC. OF F.D. OF WEST.	\$200.00
3779	TRILEX	\$982.25
3780	KRISTEN CIANCIO	\$807.15
3781	ROGER KING	\$29.93
3782	GLAXO/SMITH/KLINE/FINA.	<u>\$553.65</u>
	TOTAL:	\$38,378.12

TRANSFERS:

FROM:	Fire District Money Market #6700184941	
TO:	Checking #670-0672326	\$100,000.00
FROM:	General Fund Investor's Choice #677-5662903	
TO:	General Fund Investor's Choice #670-0184941	\$30,000.00
FROM:	General Fund Investor's Cert. #677-5721500	
TO:	General Fund Investor's Choice #670-0184941	\$75,000.00
FROM:	Bldg. Reserve Investor's Cert. #677-55554094	
TO:	Bldg. Reserve Investor's Choice #670-0185042	\$10,017.19
FROM:	Bldg. Reserve Investor's Choice #670-0185042	
TO:	Investor's Certificate Mature on 2/10/06	\$10,000.00
FROM:	Checking #670-0672326	
TO:	Defined Benefit Plan Service Award-Investor's Choice #670-0185441	\$62,547.72

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Buonassisi to accept as read the Chief's report for September 2005. During the month of August 2005 there were: 35

Alarms for 413 man hrs.; 3 Dept. Drills for 114 man hrs.; 6 Company Drills for 118 man hrs.; 2 Trainings for 99 man hrs.; 2 Meetings for 2 man hrs.; 8 Misc. for 64 man hrs. TOTAL: 816 man hours. Chief Pille reported several hydrants which were out of service have been serviced. Chief Pille reported the ICS 300 course has been cancelled. Chief Pille reported he attended the Radiological Training course on 9/9/05 which will assure the Department receives two detectors. Chief Pille has been in ongoing contact with Westchester County's OEM which has indicated FEMA will not be reimbursing agencies for expenses incurred as a result of the two summer storms because they did not rise to the financial level required for FEMA reimbursement. Chief Pille reported he attended the viewing of the movie "Dirty War," which depicts the release of a dirty bomb. Chief Pille has a copy for the companies to view during the winter months. Chief Pille reported the Department participated in the 9/11 Memorial services at the Kensico Dam and the Town Community Center. Following Chief Pille's intervention, the violations at Westchester Medical center, specifically the stand pipe connection near the service area have been corrected through the issuance of summons by Grasslands' Fire Chief Gasparre. Chief Pille reported the alarm system at Maplewood Hall on the Grasslands Reservation is being serviced following the Chief's report to the Grasslands' Fire Chief. Chief Pille reported no changes have been made to the mutual aid/dual response agreements with the Hawthorne and Thornwood Fire Departments and if there have been dispatching errors, 60 Control will address the dispatching errors. Chief Pille reported that in collaboration with the risk management firm doing renovations to the Kensico Dam, members of the Independent Fire Company and the North White Plains FD will conduct a rescue training drill at Kensico Dam, since fascia repairs will be done using scaffolding. Chief Pille reported the October Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2005 at 11:00a.m. followed by a brunch at the Independent Fire Company. Chief Pille reported the school visitations during Fire Prevention Week will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2005 followed by Open House activities at each firehouse in the evening. Chief Pille reported 401 Columbus Avenue does not have any fire alarm system according to the Town Fire Inspector. However, Chief Pille reported the building will receive a new fire alarm system and Knox box.

Comr. Hoffarth reported the contract between the District and Westchester County for the Sun Pro service has been signed. Comr. Hoffarth reported steady progress has been made with the District's web site and the Webmaster will be integrating pictures and documents into the site. Comr. Hoffarth reported the preliminary 2006 budget meeting has taken place with the following proposal:

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	\$28,000.00
Fire House Operations	\$81,760.00
Capital Reserve & Equipment	\$105,000.00
Building Reserve	\$10,000.00
Repair Reserve	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$592,520.00

Comr. Hoffarth reported approximately fifty percent of the department has had their FIT Test and we are to receive the machine for the month of December. Comr. Hoffarth reported Tower Ladder has been serviced and ladders tested. Comr. Hoffarth reported a certificate from Underwriters' Laboratory is forthcoming. Comr. Hoffarth reported he has

sent letters to Assemblyman Brodsky and the NYS Department of Homeland Security requesting grant monies for the District.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Nethercott to comply with Internal Revenue Service mileage guidelines and increase mileage reimbursement from 40.5 cents per mile to 48.5 cents per mile. MC.

Comr. Hoffarth reported a new fifty year member plaque has been displayed in the Buonassisi Conference Room at 330 Columbus Avenue. Comr. Hoffarth reported that members of the fire squad are eligible for the group life insurance policy. Comr. Hoffarth reported AAA Emergency Supply Company, Inc. will service all Scot paks on 10/5/05 and will service any pak needing it. Comr. Hoffarth reported the Quad District accountability machine should be made available to Valhalla for 3-4 days so we can update i.d./accountability cards. Comr. Nethercott will follow up on this matter. Following a questions regarding the dangerous condition of the Con Edison poles on Columbus Avenue north of Cedar Street, Comr. McCarthy indicated he would follow up on this matter.

Comr. Nicoletti informed the Board that when a member is injured the supplemental injury report should be attached to the sign in sheet for proper recording keeping. Following a brief discussion, it was decided when a member has been placed on medical leave and is able to return to duty, the Board will notify the Captain that the member is cleared to return to duty. The determination as to whether a member is required to receive medical clearance from the Department physician, Dr. Edward Mercer is based on the nature of the injury and its occurrence.

Comr. Buonassisi reported Car 2482 has undergone a complete service and Rescue 9 is scheduled to have the light tower replaced on 9/22/05.

Comr. McCarthy reported he has ordered four lengths of four-inch hose and two gates. Comr. McCarthy requested the Board send a letter to the Mt. Pleasant Water Department reporting the Board's dissatisfaction with the maintenance of Town hydrants. Comr. McCarthy emphasized the importance of collecting back from resigned members their i.d. cards and badges.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nethercott/Buonassisi to accept the resignation from the Department in good standing of FF Frank Albano. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nethercott/Buonassisi to approve the annual fund raising letter of the Fire Companies with spelling and grammatical corrections. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. McCarthy/Nethercott to permit the inclusion of members of the Fire Squad in the District's group life insurance policy. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Hoffarth/Nicoletti to purchase ten tickets at \$150 per ticket for the annual Westchester County Association of Fire District Dinner on October 21, 2005. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nicoletti/Hoffarth to reserve seating for the County's Teleconference presentation on Wednesday, 9/28/05 for four District officials at \$15 per ticket. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comr. Nethercott/Buonassisi to purchase a new 2006 passenger Ford van on state bid for \$17,777.00. MC.

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 at 8:25p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Deegan,
District Secretary**