



Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard
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12603

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' WORKSHOP MEETING January 24, 2001

ATTENDEES: Comm. Paul Lahey, Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento (absent)
Comm. Gerard Philipp
Comm. Karen Pells
Comm. Elizabeth Bomba

Attorney: Gerard Comatos (absent)
Treasurer: James Passikoff
Secretary: Renee Gaddis

Chairman Lahey opened the meeting of the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' Workshop Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

I. Comm. Lahey requested Comm. Pells and Comm. Bomba to review Abstract 1A.

II. MINUTES

A. January 9, 2001 Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting.
A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells to approve the Minutes as printed.

- Motion Carried.

III. MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Service Awards - Comm. Chiumento - Absent, No report.
B. District Inspections - Chiefs - No Report.
C. District Officers/Chief Liaison - Comm. Chiumento - Absent, No report.

- D. Sub Station - Comm. Philipp
 - 1. Met with Vassar College and our contact Steve and the guy in charge of grounds. Showed him what we're looking for, what part of the building, seeing that they are not going to give us the whole thing. He will be meeting with the Board of Directors and is on next agenda. Meeting scheduled for the 9th & 10th. Doesn't see a problem.
- E. EMS & Paramedic Liaison - Chairman Lahey - No Report.
- F. Public Relations- Chairman Lahey - No Report.
- G. Building & Grounds- Comm. Philipp - No Report.
- H. Capital Equipment - Comm. Philipp - No Report.
- I. Career Staff Liaison - Comm. Pells - No Report.
- J. Volunteer Recruitment - Comm. Chiumento - Absent, No Report.
- K. Volunteer Liaison - Comm. Chiumento - Absent, No Report.

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Letter dated January 4, 2001 from the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York regarding a proposed amendment to the By-Laws of the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York.
- B. Letter dated December 2000 from Hudson Valley Critical Incident Stress Management Team asking for a donation.

V. **PERSONNEL**

- A. Letter from Chief Alongi to the Board of Fire Commissioners recognizing the firefighters who responded and did an excellent job at the College Avenue fire .
- B. Minutes from the Special District Meeting held on January 23, 2001 for the positions of Assistant Chief.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells to accept Bill Phillips as Assistant Chief, Station 4.

- Motion Carried.

- C. Letter dated January 10, 2001 from Local 2393 regarding the Officers for the year 2001.
- D. Remove Brian Traphagen, Station 4, from medical leave. Can return to active duty as of 01-11-01.

VII. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Bomba to accept the attendance of the following members to the schools/seminars listed:

- A. FF Francis Cross: "EMT- Refresher", January 22 - June 2001 at Fairview FD.
- B. FF Vincent Lopez: "Basic Structural Collapse Operations", February 1 - 2, 2001 at Camp Smith.
- C. FF Dan Murray: "Fire Service Instructor I", February 2 - 4, & February 24 - 25, 2001 at Montour Falls.
- D. FF Chris Quinby: "Fire Behavior/Arson Awareness Principles", February 5 - 9, 2001 in Montour Falls.
- E. FF Vincent Lopez: "Medium Structure Collapse Operations: Tools", February 10 - 11, 2001 at Camp Smith.
- F. FF Keith Rutbell: "Rapid Sequence Intubation in the Field", April 2, 2001 at DCC South.
- G. FF Keith Rutbell: "12 Lead EKG Analysis", April 16, 2001 at DCC South.
- H. FF Peter Davis: "2001 Canadian National Advanced Fire, Arson, & Explosion Investigation Training Program", October 28 - November 1, 2001 in Toronto, Canada.
- Motion Carried.

VIII.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

- A. Chairman Lahey
 - 1. Two (2) Items for Executive Session, Personnel.
- B. Comm. Philipp
 - 1. Have we checked with IBM?
 - DC Pells stated that in regards to temporary housing and contracts, was brought to Corporate and they said no. It's a dead issue.
- C. Comm. Pells - No Items.
- D. Comm. Bomba - No Items.

IX.

CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS

- A. Chief Tony Alongi
 - 1. Thanked Comm. Bomba for bringing coffee to the firefighters at the College Avenue fire. Comm. Bomba stated that it wasn't done because she is a Commissioner.
 - 2. Letter from the Chiefs Council is forthcoming regarding staffing daytime and assignments for Chief Officers.
 - 3. Mechanic issue needs to be addressed again. The mechanics are overwhelmed with work and need additional assistance.

4. One (1) Item for Executive Session.

B. Deputy Chief Jeff Pells

1. PERB issue - letter has been sent to the judge from Local 2393 regarding the they consent to the Assistant EMS Director and EMS Director being managerial and/or confidential.
2. Jeff Renihan, past Chief, now Commissioner of New Hamburg Fire District called and wanted to know if we could provide ALS mutual aid only to New Hamburg Fire District. Sloper currently covers the “normal” ambulance coverage, and on occasions, when Sloper is not available, they would be looking for ambulance coverage plus ALS. Sloper would provide ALS coverage if we wanted it with no bill to the residence, where it would come out of pocket expense.

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Philipp to provide ALS mutual aid to New Hamburg Fire District.

- Motion Carried.

3. One (1) Item for Executive Session, Personnel.

X.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Treasurer Jim Passikoff - No Items.

B. EMS Director John Kloepfer

1. The State is starting to crackdown on response times. Fines or shutting down is an issue. We’ve addressed our own issues and we’re OK.
2. Cracking down on Rules & Regulations, i.e., not checking drugs. We’re OK.
3. Medical Director involvement in EMS Services. We’re OK. He’s not directly involved. Automatic E-Mail has been set up so he’s aware of what is going on.
4. Bill going through to the Senate, has not been approved yet. Tax Credit of \$500 for volunteer EMS. Property Tax.

C. Jim Deane, President of Engine Co. #1

1. Wants to know why the Engine Co. wasn’t notified about Michael Fleming not being accepted as Assistant Chief.
 - Comm. Lahey stated that the Assistant Chiefs that were accepted were in the Reorganizational meeting minutes.
2. If resumes were requested by the Board in November, why didn’t they look over prior to the election to see who is qualified.
 - Comm. Lahey stated that they are working on that to have only qualified people be able to be nominated.
3. E-Mail. Wants to know if they can put his personal e-mail

address online due to not having an e-mail address directly through Arlington. Not an active member.

D. Brian Mallet, Station 4

1. Upon accepting to provide ALS to New Hamburg, wanted to know if we are prepared to provide ALS coverage to Pleasant Valley and LaGrange when we should be providing to the taxpayers of this district first. Thinks the Board jumped into this one too fast.
2. Regarding Chiefs Election - Steve from Engine Co. #1 took notes at the previous election and it should not be an issue about not knowing about Michael Fleming. He asked if this was a grandfather clause issue. DC Pells stated that he failed to continue his education and take the management course for this year. Its not a grandfather clause issue. Comm. Bomba stated that we cannot grandfather something forever, and to let it slid, it would continue.
3. Wanted to know if they can get career personnel during the day at Rochdale.

E. Russ Anson, Station 5

1. Questioned EMS Director Kloefer regarding the end of year letters that were sent out by the EMS office regarding CME requirements.
 - EMS Director Kloefer stated that if anyone has questions about requirements to contact him directly and he will help. Also, the requirements are posted on our web site.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells that we adjourn to Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:32 p.m and returned to Open Session.

XII. **ABSTRACT 1A**

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. to approve Abstract 1A in the amount of \$86, 505.41, consisting of 85 transactions with the addition of \$29.92 from the Acropolis Diner for refreshments during the fire.

- Motion Carried.

Comm. Lahey stated that he wants letter sent to Station 4 & 5 regarding daytime manning.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by

Comm. Bomba that we adjourn at 9:34 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Gaddis
District Secretary