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Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard
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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MONTHLY MEETING February 8, 2000

ATTENDEES: Comm. John Richardson, Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento
Comm. Gerard Philipp
Comm. Paul Lahey
Comm. Karen Pells

Attorney: Gerard Comatos
Treasurer: James Passikoff
Secretary: Renee Gaddis

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

- I. Comm. Richardson requested Comm. Chiumento and Comm. Lahey to review Abstract 2A.

Comm. Richardson stated to DC Pells to assure that the large room be kept free as per standing orders on the nights of all Commissioners meetings. No schools are to be scheduled those nights.

II. MINUTES

- A. January 26, 2000 Board of Fire Commissioners' Workshop Meeting.
A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to approve the Minutes with the following amendment.

Should read as follows:

Section XI. NEW APPOINTMENTS

1. Vincent Lopez, Jr. - Transfer, not a civil service hire.

- Motion Carried.

III. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- A. Fire District Affairs - January 2000
- B. Service Awards Comm. Chiumento
 - 1. Companies were requested to send there letters of their personnel and what points they received by the next meeting. Then he will transfer to appropriate documents and send to actuary.
- C District Inspections Chiefs - No Report.
- D. District Officers/Chief Liaison Chairman Richardson
 - 1. One (1) for Executive Session
- E. Sub Station Chairman Richardson - No Report.
- F. EMS & Paramedic Liaison Comm. Lahey - No Report.
- G Public Relations Chairman Richardson - No Report.
- H. Equipment Maintenance Chairman Richardson - No Report.
- I Building & Grounds Comm. Philipp - No Report.
- J. Capital Equipment Comm. Philipp - No Report.
- K. Union Negotiations & Contract Comm. Lahey & Comm. Chiumento
 - 1. One (1) contract item for Executive Session.
- L. Career Staff Liaison Comm. Lahey
 - 1. One (1) for Executive Session.
- M. Volunteer Recruitment Comm. Philipp - No Report.
- N. Volunteer Liaison Comm. Pells
 - 1. Met with Larry Rosen and discussed volunteers and problems we are having. Attended first class of orientation, missed second class due to snow. Will attend second class to familiarize herself of what is going on.

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Letter dated February 6, 2000 from FF Horton thanking AFD for the donation sent in memory of his father-in- law.
- B. Memo dated February 1, 2000 to Susan Miller, Town Clerk from Office Manager Doyle regarding non-use of Station 3 for Primary Day.
- C. Letter dated January 31, 2000 from the YMCA to AFD thanking us for donating in memory of Rick Metzger.
- D. Thank you card received January 27, 2000 from Lee DeMarco, thanking AFD for assistance received.
- E. Letter dated January 10, 2000 from William Marshall to the Board of Fire Commissioners regarding the campaign letter sent out by Comm. Pells.

V. **PERSONNEL**

- A. Letter dated February 8, 2000 from the Grievance Committee of Local 2393,

to the Board of Fire Commissioners, requesting time in executive session.

- B. Letter dated February 6, 2000 from Local 2393 to the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting time in executive session.
- C. Memo dated January 27, 2000 from Chief Hellmann to All District Personnel regarding the misuse of the Town of Poughkeepsie Highway Department parking lot.

VI. **DONATIONS**

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to turn over the total donation amount to the Four Company Fund.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Mary Ollivett	Assistance Received	\$ 25.00

- Motion Carried.

VII. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

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

- A. FF Gus Antalek: "Firefighter Survival", February 13, 2000 at AFD HQ.
- B. FF Pete Davis: "Firefighter Survival", February 13, 2000 at AFD HQ.
- C. FF John Meluch: "Firefighter Survival", February 13, 2000 at AFD HQ.
- D. FF Bill Porter: "Firefighter Survival", February 13, 2000 at AFD HQ.
- E. FF Steve Tuttle: "Firefighter Survival", February 13, 2000 at AFD HQ.
- F. FF Russ Anson: "Hazardous Materials Response & Scene Safety Training: FASNY Seminar", February 26, 2000 at Beacon Engine Company.
- G. FF Richard Lewis: "Hazardous Materials Response & Scene Safety Training: FASNY Seminar", February 26, 2000 at Beacon Engine Company.
- H. FF Gordon Yarema: "Hazardous Materials Response & Scene Safety Training: FASNY Seminar", February 26, 2000 at Beacon Engine Company.
- I. FF Linda Yarema: "Hazardous Materials Response & Scene Safety Training: FASNY Seminar", February 26, 2000 at Beacon Engine Company.

- J. FF Erin Hanlon: "Training Officers Workshop I", March 11 - 12, 2000 at Montour Falls.
- K. FF Ronald Jensen: "Training Officers Workshop I", March 11 - 12, 2000 at Montour Falls.
- L. FF Christine O'Shea: "Training Officers Workshop I", March 11 - 12, 2000 at Montour Falls.
- M. DC Pells: "Hudson Valley Regional Conference", April 8-9, 2000 in Rockland County.
- N. FF James Compasso: "Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations", April 10 - 11, 2000 at Camp Smith.
- O. FF Christopher Sample: "Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations", April 10 - 11, 2000 at Camp Smith.
- P. FF Stephen Inglis: "Fire Behavior /Arson Awareness & Principles of Fire Investigation", April 10- 14, 2000 at Camp Smith.
- Q. FF Eric Philipp: "Command and Management: Chief", April 15 -16, 2000 in Montour Falls.
- R. FF James Roger: "Command and Management: Chief", April 15 -16, 2000 in Montour Falls.
- S. FF Pete Davis: "NYS Arson Conference", May 15 - 19, 2000 in Saratoga Springs.
- Motion Carried.

VIII.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

- A. Chairman Richardson
 - 1. Asked Chief Hellmann if he had anything on Silent Running. Chief responded "No."
 - 2. Wants to set up a meeting with Vassar College along with DC Pells and Attorney Comatos to discuss legalities and possibilities of the property on Boardman Road.
- B. Comm. Lahey
 - 1. Items for Executive Session.
- C. Comm. Chiumento
 - 1. Presented Corporate Resolution to update the Service Awards Trust Fund and who can sign, to Attorney Comatos. Will

address after Executive Session.

- D. Comm. Philipp - No Items.
- E. Comm. Pells - No Items.

IX. **CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS**

A. Chief John Hellmann

- 1. Engine Bid - two additional quotes received.

A. V.R.S. Sales - \$ 400, 000, no interest in trade in.

B. Tyler Fire Equipment Co. - \$375, 000 - \$400, 000

Comm. Philipp stated that he is happy now with the other prices to compare with. Comm. Chiumento has a problem with not being able to tell whether we're getting the service we deserve. Comm. Lahey still not comfortable, but doesn't see anyway around it. Comm. Pells agreed by stating that the Committee tried and went out for more prices.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells to accept the E-One bid.

Comm. Richardson - "Aye"

Comm. Lahey - "Aye"

Comm. Pells - "Aye"

Comm. Philipp - "Aye"

Comm. Chiumento - "Ney"

- Motion Carried.

- 2. Sport Utility on State Bid - wants to know how the Board feels about on going out for bid on replacement of two Ford Explorers.

Comm. Richardson requested that the Chief come back with a report on what they want to replace, mileage plans, status of vehicles and prices.

B. Deputy Chief Pells

- 1. Lutheran Care has final CO., will be submitting for final payment, Approximately \$35K - \$40K, depending on what their assessed at.

- Comm. Richardson wanted to know how we handle that. Attorney Comatos stated that it is additional income. Treasurer

Passikoff stated that it will reduce next years fire taxes for the district.

2. Was contacted by a lawyer of a deceased resident, John F. Schadt. We were put in his will. Will be receiving approximately 1/3 of his \$1 million. When he gets the final amount, will bring back to Board.
3. Board wanted him to look into if a member of a volunteer ambulance corp. or a paid ambulance corp serve in capacity of “friend of the District”. The answer is no, because one, its paid, which doesn’t fall under it and two, its specific, volunteer fire company. Its limited to volunteer firefighters.
4. Four (4) Personnel Items for Executive Session.

X.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

- A. Treasurer Jim Passikoff - No Items.
- B. Attorney Gerard Comatos - No Items.
- C. EMS Director John Kloepfer
 1. One (1) Item for Executive Session.
- D. Director of Volunteer Recruitment Larry Rosen
 1. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session.
- E. Marlene Galow - Questioned letter to Susan Miller regarding non use of Station 3 for Primary Day in March. Concern to residents being notified, not enough ample time.

DC Pells responded by stating that the Station may not be ready for use due to the renovations being done. Currently, there is no heat in the room, ceiling tile is not up, floor is incomplete. The Board does not anticipate it being completed. Comm. Richardson suggested that we use Vassar Road Elementary School, temporarily. Marlene will discuss alternatives with Susan tomorrow and get back with DC Pells.
- F. Member of Audience - Discussion of tones going out only on Arlington channels, not opened up on Croft’s channels. How are they supposed to earn points under the Service Award Program.

- Chief Hellmann stated that they have to follow up. They did make a request and they will do it for us. Doesn’t know what happened. He will follow up with DeWitt.
- G. Bruce Pells - wanted to know if there will be a public meeting on the substation plans.

- Comm. Richardson stated yes.
- H. Luella Oscarlese -
 1. Requested bid specs for the Engine. Knows someone in the

business and wants to get an opinion on it. Comm. Richardson presented her with the specs.

2. Requests a copy of the 1999- 2000 Budget. Treasurer Passikoff stated that she needs to fill out a Freedom of Information.

- I. Member of Audience - having problem with traffic adhering to giving them the right of way at Croft Corners on Spackenkill. Can someone contact the D. O. T to have signs put up?
 - DC Pells stated that they were contacted and they said no. Comm. Chiumento suggested that we contact Steve Saland to pursue this issue. Comm. Richardson suggested that we pay for signs to put on Croft's property. Go to the Town to get approval for signs.
- J. Chip Grundon - Local 2393, One (1) Item for Executive Session.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp that we adjourn to Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:21 p.m and returned to Open Session.

XII. **ABSTRACT 2A**

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Lahey to approve Abstract 2A in the amount of \$253,372.74, consisting of 211 transactions charged to 45 accounts.

- Motion Carried.

XIII. **PAINWEBBER CORPORATE RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to move the adoption of the PaineWebber Corporate Resolution on the prescribed form.

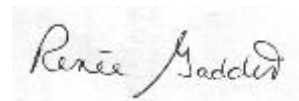
- Motion Carried.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Philipp that we adjourn at 10:24 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Gaddis
District Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renee Gaddis". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.