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- I. Comm. Bomba requested Comm. Pells and Comm. Bomba to review Abstract 2A.

II. **MINUTES**

A. January 22, 2003 Board of Fire Commissioners' Workshop Meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chimento to approve the Minutes with the following amendment: (The School Requests were removed from the January 22 meeting minutes and added to these . The Board needed to reapprove the school requests, due to a lack of a majority vote.)

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

- A. FF Scott Wilsey: "EMT Refresher", Starting January 14 - June 19, 2003 at LaGrange Station 2.
- B. EMS Director John Kloepfer: "PCR Documentation", January 27, 2003 at HVREMS Office.
- C. FF Jim Lieberman: "Basic Structural Collapses Operations", January 30 - 31, 2003 at Camp Smith.
- D. FPO Patrick Rose: "NYS Fire Investigators Winter Seminar", February 7 - 9, 2003 in Fishkill.
- E. FF Victor Zamaloff: "NYS Fire Investigators Winter Seminar", February 7 - 9, 2003 in Fishkill.
- F. FF John Meluch: "ACLS", February 14 - 15, 2003 at DCC South.
- G. FF John Meluch: "PALS", March 14 - 15, 2003 at DCC South.
- H. Lt. Ed Madison: "Regional Municipal Training Officers Assn.", March 26, 2003 at the Westchester Training Center.
- I. FF John Meluch: "PHTLS", April 25 - 26, 2003 at DCC South.
- J. EMS Director John Kloepfer: "2003 Inside EMS Conference", May 15 - 16, 2003 at the Fishkill Holiday Inn.

POLL OF THE BOARD:

Comm. Bomba - "Aye"

Comm. Pells - "Aye"

Comm. Chimento - "Aye"

Comm. Rose - "Abstained"

- Motion Carried.

- Motion Carried.

### III. MONTHLY REPORTS

No reports given unless otherwise noted.

A. Service Awards- Comm. Chiumento

1. Letter dated February 6, 2003 from Richard Lewis, Station 5 Service Award Administrator, submitting Croft Corners Fire Company's list of eligibles and points accumulated for 2002 Service Awards.

- Comm. Chiumento stated that the rest of the other companies are due by the Board's next meeting, February 26, 2003.

B. District Inspections - Chiefs

C. District Officers/Chief Liaison - Comm. Lahey

D. Sub Station - Comm. Rose & Comm. Chiumento

1. Comm. Rose met with Richard Chazen from Chazen Engineering regarding Boardman Road.

E. EMS & Paramedic Liaison - Comm. Bomba

F. Public Relations- Comm. Lahey & Comm. Rose

G. Equipment Maintenance - Comm. Rose

H. Building & Grounds- Comm. Rose

I. Capital Equipment - Comm. Chiumento

J. Union Negotiations & Contract - Comm. Bomba

K. Career Staff Liaison - Comm. Pells

L. Volunteer Recruitment - Comm. Pells

1. Applicant ready for action by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

A. Steven Arasim, Station 5, FF & EMS

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to approve Steven Arasim as a member of the Arlington Fire District.

- Motion Carried.

2. One applicant to be interviewed during Executive Session

M.. Volunteer Liaison - Comm. Chiumento

IV.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Letter dated January 31, 2003 from the Firemen's Association of the State of NY regarding a workshop on the FEMA program and application process. Meeting scheduled on March 3, 2003 at LaGrange Station #2.

- Commissioners Bomba, Pells and Chiumento will attend.

B. Letter dated January 27, 2003 from Lt. Walsh requesting the use of the Training Room at HQ on Thursday, April 24, 2003 to conduct a Blood Drive from 15:00 to 20:30 hours.

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded Comm. Rose to approve a Blood Drive on April 24, 2003 from 15:00 to 20:30 hours, in the training room at HQ.

- Motion Carried.

C. Letter dated January 24, 2003 from the Association of Fire Districts of the State of NY offering a special class on Traumatic Stress on March 15, 2003 at the Rombout Fire House.

- Comm. Bomba will attend.

D. Letter dated January 22, 2003 from the Association of Fire Districts of the State of NY regarding their by-law changes.

V.

**DONATIONS**

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to turn over the total donation amount of \$150.00 to the Four Company Fund.

NAME

REASON

The Chugerman's

Annual Contribution

Beatrice Lamb

Assistance Received

- Motion Carried.

VI.

**SCHOOL REQUESTS**

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

A. FF William Steenbergh: "Ice Rescue Technician", February 21 - 22, 2003 in Harrisville, NH.

B. FF Steven Tuttle: "NYS SFI Conference", February 25 - March 2, 2003 in Montour Falls.

- C. FF James Lieberman: “Void Search & Rescue Concepts”, February 27 - 28, 2003 at Camp Smith.
- D. Lt. Richard Andersen: “Regional MTO Seminar”, March 3, 2003 at Westchester County Training Center.
- E. FF/Mechanic Joe Tarquinio: “F.A.E.V.T.”, March 10 - 14, 2003 in Ocala Florida.
- F. Assistant Mechanic Steve Bowdler: “F.A.E.V.T.”, March 10 - 14, 2003 in Ocala Florida.
- G. FF George Finn: “Managing Company Tactical Operation Series”, March 17 - 21, 2003 at Camp Smith.
- H. Lt. James Snyder: “Officers Training Day”, March 26, 2003 at Westchester Training Center.
- I. FF Chris Quinby: “Fire Service Instructor I”, May 19 - 23, 2003 in Montour Falls.
- J. FF Chris Quinby: “Basic Trench Collapse Operations”, September 13 - 14, 2003 at Camp Smith.
- K. FF Chris Quinby: “Advanced Trench Collapse Operations”, September 20 - 21, 2003 at Camp Smith.

- Motion Carried.

VII. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

- A. Comm. Bomba
  - 1. Comm. Pells, Comm. Rose and Comm. Bomba met with Executive Board members of Station 3 regarding adjusting Station 3 to accommodate the Career Staff. Their Board is OK with the changes.
- B. Comm. Chiumento - No Items.
- C. Comm. Pells - No Items.
- D. Comm. Rose - Two (2) Items for Executive Session.

VIII. **CHIEFS / ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- A. Chief Tony Alongi
  - 1. Received a letter from EMS Director Kloepfer regarding manning an ambulance for the “Walk for Autism” on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

2. FF Leveling - need to be inline with the NFPA
  - Lengthy Discussion. The Board requested that the Chiefs bring back a list of the affected members to their Workshop meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Pells to adopt (*the FF Leveling Guidelines*) for new Firefighters and all existing Firefighters will maintain their ranking until we come up with a further plan.

- Motion Carried.

3. Requests \$60 from the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Pleasant Valley Chiefs Council meeting/dinner. AC's Richardson, Roberts and Philipps will be attending.

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Rose to pay \$60 for the Pleasant Valley Chief's Council meeting/dinner.

- Motion Carried.

4. Requests \$3K for replacement of black helmets, gloves and hoods. Looking at getting at least a dozen.

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Rose to allow up to \$3,000 to purchase helmets, hoods and gloves.

- Motion Carried.

B. Deputy Chief Jeff Pells

1. New candidates - physicals came back OK, starting date is February 24 and starting the academy in Westchester on the 27<sup>th</sup>.
2. DC Pells, Secretary O'Neill and Bookkeeper Schmitt attended a seminar on Open Meeting Laws. Our Board is not handling Executive Sessions items correctly. The Board members need to make their motion and give a reason for going into Executive Session., i.e. hiring/firing, contractual, litigation, etc.
3. Unitex - new linen maintenance company we will be using. Approximately a 40% reduction in costs.

4. Oxygen situation. Received prices from another vendor, which were cheaper. Nichols adjusted their prices to reflect the difference.
5. Requests \$10K - \$11K for a PortaCount machine to do our own fit testing. Price will be split three, possibly four ways, between Arlington, Fairview, LaGrange, and possibly City of Poughkeepsie FD's. Take money out of the medical budget to be replaced when receive monies back from the other FD's.

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Rose to allocate \$10K - \$11K from the medical budget to purchase a PortaCount machine with expectations of some recuperation from Fairview, LaGrange and possibly City of Poughkeepsie Fire Departments to be returned back to the medical budget upon receipt..

- Motion Carried.

6. Working with County Personnel on Ability Testing. May replicate the CPAT.
7. Wanted to know what the Board wanted to do regarding the District not receiving the "New Member Forms" back from the new volunteers.
  - EMS Director Kloepfer stated that he will issue the form and congregate it into Orientation class. This way its filled out as part of Orientation.
8. Car Seat Technician program - Wanted to know status.
  - Comm. Bomba has questions for FF Quinby who is at a class, but will return later, before they can act on it.
9. Met with Mike Hogan, Director of Volunteer Recruitment and thought of coming up with a probationary period for volunteers as they enter.
  - Comm. Chiumento stated that he thinks that it was brought up before and Attorney Comatos stated that its against the law. Need to check into it.

#### C. EMS Director John Kloepfer

1. HIPPA Policy is almost complete. Will present at next meeting.
- D. Treasurer Jim Passikoff
1. Submitted the December 2002 Financial Report
  2. Submitted the January 2003 Financial Report
  3. Two (2) Personnel Items for Executive Session.
- E. Assistant Chief John Richardson
1. Suggested to the Board that they think about changing the name of Headquarters in memory of Past Chief James Laffin as a tribute to his dedication to the District.
    - The Board liked the idea and will take that into consideration.

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Rose that we take a ten minute break and then adjourn to Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss personnel and contractual issues.

- Motion Carried.

#### IX. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session, no time given, and returned to Open Session.

#### X. **OPEN ITEMS**

##### A. **CHILD SEAT TECHNICIAN PROGRAM**

The Board had a discussion with FF Quinby on the Child Seat Technician Program.

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Bomba that we send two, to class (for certification) and apply for the two grants (Start up and Trailer). If you do not get the start up grant, there will be no program.

##### POLL OF THE BOARD:

Comm. Pells - "Aye"  
 Comm. Bomba - "Aye"  
 Comm. Chiumento - "Nay"  
 Comm. Rose - "Aye"

- Motion Carried.

Comm. Rose's problem was with storage and Comm. Chiumento's



problem was with paying overtime and using tax payers money.

B. **NEW MEMBER**

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Pells to make Christopher Simek as a member of the Arlington Fire District.

- Motion Carried.

XI. **ABSTRACT**

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to approve Abstract 2A in the amount of \$126,066.24, consisting of 120 transactions, with a question on one transaction on safety shoes.

- Motion Carried.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chiumento that we adjourn at 11:55 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renée O'Neill  
District Secretary