



Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard
Poughkeepsie, New York
12603

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MONTHLY MEETING February 13, 2001

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

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

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

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

II. MINUTES

A. January 24, 2001 Board of Fire Commissioners' Workshop Meeting.
A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to approve the Minutes as printed.

- Motion Carried.

III. MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. Chief's Report - January 2001
- B. Fire District Affairs - January 2001
- C. Service Awards- Comm. Chiumento
 - 1. Letters were sent out to the companies regarding time frame of posting and giving us information.

- D. District Inspections - Chiefs - No Report.
- E. District Officers/Chief Liaison - Comm. Chiumento - No Report.
- F. Sub Station - Comm. Philipp
 - 1. Called Vassar and waiting for a call back. They had their meeting and Comm. Philipp expects to hear something by end of this week.
- G. EMS & Paramedic Liaison - Chairman Lahey - No Report.
- H. Public Relations- Chairman Lahey - No Report.
- I. Building & Grounds- Comm. Philipp - No Report.
- J. Capital Equipment - Comm. Philipp - No Report.
- K. Career Staff Liaison - Comm. Pells - Absent, no report.
- L. Volunteer Recruitment - Comm. Chiumento
 - 1. As submitted by Christine O'Shea, Director of Volunteer Recruitment, the following are to be approved.
 - a. William Siemerling - transfer from Engine Co. #1 to Station 4. (No action needed)
 - b. Jorge Suris Pietri - FF Station 4

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to approve Jorge Suris Pietri, FF Station 4.

- Motion Carried.

c. One Application for Executive Session.

- M. Volunteer Liaison - Comm. Chiumento - No Report.

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Letter dated January 31, 2001 from Chief Jack Forbes, City of Poughkeepsie FD thanking AFD or their assistance during the January 1, 2001 fire.

V. **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>
Mr. & Mrs. Tremper	Assistance Received

TOTAL: \$100. 00

- Motion Carried.

VI. **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 Jim Lieberman: "EMT- Refresher", January 22 - June 21, 2001 at Fairview FD.
- B. FF Jim Lieberman: " FDIC: Fire Department Instructors Conference", February 28 - March 4, 2001 in Indianapolis.
- C. FF Vinnie Lopez: "Void Search & Rescue Concepts", March 1 - 2, 2001 at Camp Smith.
- D. DC Jeff Pells: "Regional MTO's Seminar", March 21, 2001 at Westchester Co. Fire Training Center.
- E. Lt. Rick Andersen: "Regional MTO's Seminar", March 21, 2001 at Westchester Co. Fire Training Center.
- F. Lt. Jeff Karn: "Regional MTO's Seminar", March 21, 2001 at Westchester Co. Fire Training Center.
- G. Lt. Ed Madison: "Regional MTO's Seminar", March 21, 2001 at Westchester Co. Fire Training Center.
- Motion Carried.

VII. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

- A. Chairman Lahey
 - 1. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session.
- B. Comm. Philipp - No Items.
- C. Comm. Chiumento
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VIII. **CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS**

- A. Chief Tony Alongi
 - 1. February 24, 2001, Zach's Way will be closed for the American Heart Association Walk from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 - 2. Received a thank you letter from Supervisor Barcher thanking FF Fishwick and Lt. Snyder for their assistance during the Red Oaks Mill pond incident.
 - 3. Submitted Chiefs Report for January 2001.
 - 4. One (1) Item for Executive Session.
 - 5. DC Chiefs Council meeting for this month is a dinner. Charging \$15 per person and wanted to know if the District will pay for it up to 8 people.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to approve the \$15 per person, up to 8 people for the Chiefs Council meeting dinner.

- Motion Carried.

B. Deputy Chief Jeff Pells

1. Probie School in Westchester - possibly not a go. Applied for two positions in Montour.
2. Mileage Reimbursement - the IRS has raised the amount to 34.5 cents from 32.5. Asks the Board to approve this amount.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to approve the mileage reimbursement, the maximum amount allowable by the IRS rate.

- Motion Carried.

3. Patch for EMT - colors are different than current paramedic patch but similar in the style. Will be ordered, expected to be in 6 weeks.
4. Mike Fleming - has completed class and is now qualified for Assistant Chief. The Board may act on him now.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to accept Mike Fleming as Assistant Chief, Engine CO. #1.

- Motion Carried.

5. Lutheran Care Center - letter has been sent by Attorney Comatos. Payment in lieu of taxes is \$37, 344. Attorney Comatos stated that the money is due now.
6. Letter from Union to extend the use of 32-74 until July 1, 2001. Chassis are due in the middle of March.
7. Cell Phone - John Richardson has calls after January 1st. Has a middle of January bill. Comm. Lahey stated that he is responsible for anything after January 1, 2001.
8. Submitted to the Board - January's responses for the apparatus.
9. SOP's Rule and Regulations - wants to table for now. Not all members were available at the last Chiefs Council meeting.
10. Two (2) Personnel Items for Executive Session.
11. One (1) Contractual Item for Executive Session.

IX. **ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

A. EMS Director John Kloepper

1. Looking at a program to be approved which allows BLS medication to be given to patients by EMT's prior to Paramedic arrival to scene. I.E. Epi-Pens, under protocol and Albuterol which requires medical control contact.
 - a. Not everybody has to buy into it. This is an option, but only qualified EMT's will be allowed to participate.
 - b. EMT would have to have or already have taken a medication module in new EMT curriculum or take a medication module here, approx. 2 hours to show how to use Epi-Pen, put together Albuterol, use of the drugs, etc. This would be a one time course.
 - c. This program will be an additional hour of training tacked on to the Defib review. It will be done biannually.
 - d. Cost/Impact is minimal. Epi-Pens cost \$41.19 each and Albuterol is 42 cents each.
 - e. Medical Director is against this program, suggesting it will lose more volunteers. Fairview FD uses this program.
2. Looking at Public Access to Defibrillation for our department. Not everyone has to buy into. Allows firemen to be authorized to use the defibrillators on the first attack engines. Requirement: a 2- 3 hour course plus CPR, once a year.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to authorize the Albuterol program, the Epi-Pen program and Public Access to Defibrillators program.

- Motion Carried.

B. Treasurer Jim Passikoff

1. Submitted Preliminary December 2000 Financial Report.

C. Attorney Gerard Comatos

1. Has not heard any response from Engine Co. #1 regarding the Shat Trust agreement. Suggests that we hold a meeting next week with the Engine Company. Comm. Lahey stated that it does not have to be a Commissioners meeting.

D. Assistant EMS Director Dave Violante

1. PENS Program: a walk through is scheduled on March 1- 2 by their company. A week or two after that, they will start education.

E. Ray Tetrault - took OSHA II class. Informed by instructor that he couldn't put his SCBA on in one minute, so he failed and is now classified as exterior FF only. He lost his Interior status. His time was 1:10. He feels that safety comes first and that the time limit should be looked into again.

a. Comm. Philipp stated that he believes the one minute mark is only a guide to show how familiar a person is with the equipment. It needs to be looked into by the Chiefs Council.

b. DC Pells stated that the "norm" is 45 seconds. They felt that it is a fair standard.

Lengthy discussion on "proper" standards and the impact this will have on the volunteers.

c. Chief Alongi stated that they will look into it.

F. Chip Grundon - Local 2393 President

1. One Item for Executive Session.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento that we adjourn to Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

X **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:38 p.m and returned to Open Session.

XI. **ABSTRACT 2A**

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve Abstract 2A in the amount of \$186,813.97, consisting of 136 transactions.

- Motion Carried.

XII. **CONTRACT**

A motion made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the contract, for 3 years, for Assistant EMS Director David Violante with retroactive back to January 1, 2001.

- Motion Carried.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp that we adjourn at 11:40 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Gaddis
District Secretary