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Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MONTHLY MEETING March 14, 2000

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

Attorney: Gerard Comatos (absent)
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. Philipp and Comm. Lahey to review Abstract 3A.

II. MINUTES

A. February 23, 2000 Board of Fire Commissioners' Workshop Meeting.
A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the Minutes as printed.

- Motion Carried.

III.

MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. Training Report - February 2000
- B. Inspector's Report - January - February 2000
- C. Fire District Affairs - February 2000
- D. Service Awards Comm. Chiumento
 - 1. Has received all four companies Service Award Points and will send to actuary. Thanked Secretary Gaddis for making sure they got them to Headquarters.
- E. District Inspections Chiefs - No Report.
- F. District Officers/Chief Liaison Chairman Richardson
 - 1. Received letter from Chief Hellmann, will try and be at meeting in April, to submit his resignation.
- G. Sub Station Chairman Richardson
 - 1. Defer until later.
- H. EMS & Paramedic Liaison Comm. Lahey - No Report.
- I. Public Relations Chairman Richardson - No Report.
- J. Equipment Maintenance Chairman Richardson
 - 1. Status of 32-74 - DC Pells stated that it has a new engine and being put in. 32-13 waiting for cab. Chassis is about done. Estimated time is end of this month for delivery.
- K. Building & Grounds Comm. Philipp
 - 1. Station 3 Status - DC Pells stated that the floor is complete. Walls are almost painted, chair rail is being put up.
 - 2. Generator status for Station 5 - DC Pells stated we are still looking for one. Still needs one, it's a matter of getting the right one. Comm. Richardson requested a target date and DC Pells said that he will get one.
- L. Capital Equipment Comm. Philipp - No Report.
- M. Union Negotiations & Contract Comm. Lahey & Comm. Chiumento
 - 1. Comm. Lahey stated that he met with them yesterday regarding last grievance. To be discussed in Executive Session.
- N. Career Staff Liaison Comm. Lahey - No Report.
- O. Volunteer Recruitment Comm. Philipp
 - 1. Will be attending a seminar in Millbrook on April 5 at 7:00 p.m. Also a Public Relations seminar on April 19 in Millbrook.
- P. Volunteer Liaison Comm. Pells - No Report requested from Chairman.

IV.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter dated March 9, 2000 from Croft Corners to the Board regarding District Computer Problems.
 - 1. Comm. Richardson read letter to audience. Discussed problems with Larry Rosen. DC Pells stated that this is the first

that he is hearing of these problems from Station 5.

Comm. Richardson stated that he recommends to cease the use of the computer system, possibly until the end of the year to debug the system, make it user friendly.

Comm. Richardson stated that Assistant Chief Philipps was going to submit a letter regarding computer problems at Station 4. Larry stated that he spoke with AC Philipps and he didn't mention anything. The main problem is the connection down at Station 5. We can change dialing time. It's a matter of expenditure.

Assistant Chief Philipps stated that everything has been resolved at Station 4.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp to cease the computer system until things are in a better situation.

Poll of Board:

Comm. Richardson - "Aye"

Comm. Philipp - "Aye"

Comm. Lahey - "Nay"

Comm. Chiumento - "Nay"

Comm. Pells - "Aye"

The vote was 3-2 and the motion was carried.

B. Letter received from an unsigned anonymous resident of the Arlington Fire District regarding the Board of Fire Commissioners letter that was sent to the residents.

1. Comm. Richardson stated that he will not read an unsigned, anonymous letter.

C. Correspondence received March 8, 2000 from Don and Linda Davis regarding the letter that was sent to the residents.

1. Comm. Richardson read letter to audience.

D. Minutes from the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County for February 29, 2000.

V.

PERSONNEL

A. Letter dated March 13, 2000 to the Board of Fire Commissioners from Lt. Walsh requesting the Training Room on Friday July 28, 2000 from 15:00 to 20:30 hours for the Blood Drive.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Lahey to hold the annual blood drive in the training room on July 28, 2000 from 15:00 to 20:30 hours.

- Motion Carried.

B. Letter dated March 9, 2000 from Croft Corners to the Board regarding Personnel Changes, Applications, and Status Requests.

1. Removal of the following members from active roles of AFD.

- A. Christopher Blis
- B. Irene Cumming
- C. Michael De Goski
- D. Robert Hackett
- E. Beverly Klepp
- F. David Merritt
- G. Robert Gardinor

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to drop the aforementioned members.

- Motion Carried.

2. Other personnel items in letter for Executive Session.

C. Memo dated February 24, 2000 to All Companies from Comm. Chiumento regarding getting the Service Award final stats in by March 14, 2000.

D. Change of Status dated January 10, 2000 from Linda Yarema, Station 5. Add Firefighting.

VI. **DONATIONS**

A motion was made by Comm. Pells 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>
Frank Nardone	Assistance Received	\$ 100. 00
Amy VanPelt	Assistance Received	\$ 15. 00
Julia Lama	Assistance Received	\$ 25. 00
Carol Ann Hammond	In Memory of Gerald Chiumento	\$ 25. 00
Lois Thomas	In Memory of Gerald Chiumento	\$ 50. 00
Raymond DuPilka	In Memory of Gerald Chiumento	\$ 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 Patrick Hayes: "Pump Ops.", March 9, 2000 at Rombout FD.
- B. FF Christopher Sample: "Pump Ops.", March 9, 2000 at Rombout FD.
- C. FF Robert Sottile: "Pump Ops.", March 9, 2000 at Rombout FD.
- D. Lt. Jeff Karn: "Improving Your Fireground Attack", March 13, 2000 in East Greenbush, NY.
- E. Lt. Dave Walsh: "Improving Your Fireground Attack", March 13, 2000 in East Greenbush, NY.
- F. FF Lou Cassinelli: "Fireground Tactics", March 19, 2000 at Unionvale Station 1.
- G. FF Christine O'Shea: "Instructional Techniques for the Company Officer", March 25 - 26, 2000 at Camp Smith.
- H. FF Joe Clark: "EMT", May 22, 2000 - August 2000 at Dutchess Community College South.
- I. FF Joe Tarquinio: "Electrical Wiring II", April 6 - June 15, 2000 at BOCES.

- Motion Carried.

VIII. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

- A. Chairman Richardson
 - 1. Asked Larry on status of banner. Larry stated that he spoke with Dick Lewis. He wants to pursue all aspects of the media. Looking for some direction on content from the Board. Comm. Richardson stated "at next meeting".
 - 2. Six (6) Personnel Items for Executive Session.
- B. Comm. Lahey - No Items.
- C. Comm. Chiumento - No Items.
- D. Comm. Philipp - No Items.
- E. Comm. Pells
 - 1. Read the aforementioned unsigned, anonymous letter to the audience.

- Comm. Richardson stated that we can not respond to this letter because it was unsigned and anonymous.

IX.

CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS

A. Deputy Chief Pells

1. Three (3) Items for Executive Session - One Personnel, One for Filed Improper Practice and One Grievance.
2. Letter drafted by Attorney Comatos to Lutheran Care Center regarding getting monies owed. DC Pells has not received a response from Lutheran Care yet, letter sent end of February.
3. Received copy of will, regarding money that was willed to AFD. He will get with the Engine Company, the lawyers and us, to make sure the intent of will is fulfilled. The deceased would like the money for an ambulance and equipment.
4. Station 3 is in dire need of a copier. Wants Board to pay for half of the expense. Top price is \$3300.00. Will look at other prices.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Pells to split the purchase of a copier with Station 3, including a possibility of a lease.

- Motion Carried.

5. Chip Grundon and himself going to Albany tomorrow to meet with State officials regarding the Westchester class.
6. Presented Board with statistics from the Real Property Taxes, showing areas by station and usage.

X.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Chip Grundon, Local 2393 President

1. Read letter dated January 5, 2000 to the Board regarding the Union's input on manning of the south end.

B. Tony Alongi - Assistant Chief Station 5

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

C. Jim Deane - President Engine Co. #1

1. Jen Webb was accepted by the Engine Co. #1, understands that she is at Station 3. Wants to know what happened.
 - Larry Rosen pulled the personnel record from the system. Stated that she was never at Station 3. The Board rejected her at the 04-28-99 Workshop because she failed to meet the District requirements for applicants living outside the District. She did not

provide a letter and did not appear for an interview with the Board.

- A. Jim Deane stated that he never received a letter from the Board that she was not accepted. The Board stated that it was in the minutes and Larry stated that a letter was sent to her and company was copied on it.

D. Luella Oscarlese - Taxpayer

- 1. Suggested junior firemen to get more volunteers. The Board stated that we do already have that program for 16 year olds.
- 2. Wanted to know if a "Notice of Prior Claim" was filed by a resident, i.e. response time, and something happens, is the fire department just as responsible if something happened. Comm. Richardson stated that they will look into it.

E. Marlene Galow

- 1. Wanted to know when the public hearing will take place.
 - Comm. Richardson stated that they will decide tonight. Ms. Oscarlese stated that she recommends that it not be held on a Wednesday night, due to the Town of Poughkeepsie holds their meeting those nights and would like to attend the public hearing. Ms. Galow agreed. Comm. Richardson stated that most likely it will be.

XI.

BOARDMAN ROAD DISCUSSION

A. Ruth Davidson asked the opinions of the Board members.

- 1. Comm. Philipp - likes Boardman Road area for the following reasons:
 - A. Vassar is willing to give it to us.
 - B. Center of District.
 - C. Less then eight minutes in District. Uptown vs. downtown.
 - D. Practical place to put a substation - long term place, room for training.
- 2. Comm. Lahey
 - A. Meets some of the needs, not all.
 - B. Offers expansion, but need ambulance in south end.
- 3. Comm. Chiumento
 - A. Likes vicinity, within three miles of IBM, Vassar College, and will be next to proposed nursing home.
 - B. Nice for backup to Headquarters providing assistance for south end.
 - C. Cost effectively serve the district

without reducing the response times.

4. Comm. Pells
 - A. Agrees with Comm. Lahey. Need ambulance in south end.
 - B. Does not want to impact volunteers.
5. Comm. Richardson
 - A. Will display maps of fire district at public meeting and highlight area of proposed station and current stations.
 - B. Wants AFD to contact architect to get preliminary plans and form a committee, consisting of Chiefs, Board of Fire Commissioners, the Union, and EMS Director to come up with the needs and new costs of retrofitting the building for immediate usage.
 - C. Notify Vassar College that we're interested short term for immediate occupancy and get Vassar's permission to price to completely gut the building and check for asbestos.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp to notify Vassar College that we're interested in obtaining the initial section immediately that was offered to us plus the area to the south west for a medic and ambulance vehicle and we obtain pricing for a short term occupancy during the day for the ambulance and night for the medic. We will notify them within several months of our plans for the rest of the building and the property.

- Motion Carried.

Comm. Pells asked if this was for the public hearing, informational purposes only. Comm. Richardson stated yes. Comm. Pells asked if there was going to be alternate choices for the building. Comm. Richardson stated that this motion is his choice. Marlene Galow stated that as a taxpayer, it sounds like the Board has made up their minds and that this is the plan. Comm. Richardson stated that we looked into options, but feels that at this point this is the only option. We looked into Avis, Tara Motors. Marlene stated that even though the Board doesn't agree with them (Avis, Tara Motors), they should give options to the public. Comm. Richardson stated that he doesn't want to get a knee jerk reaction from the public. He feels he has a bit more information, and will give the information to the public. Feels that this building has more space and it has 6 acres of land.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Lahey that we adjourn to

Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

XII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

XIII. **ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Lahey to accept the fire prevention education addendum to the contract.

- Motion Carried.

XIV. **MEMBERSHIP**

Letter from Croft Corners dated March 9, 2000.

Steven Antenucci, II - will not be applying to the District as active, at this time.

Kyle Bennett - Chairman Richardson stated that he is no longer being recruited by the Fire District and does not need any approvals.

John Doty - back to active service.

Corey Madison - has transferred from Station 1 to Station 5 and his letter of notifying Station 1 is attached (copy in Minutes folder). Has been accepted by Station 5.

XV. **ABSTRACT 3A**

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Lahey to approve Abstract 3A in the amount of \$212,730.27, consisting of 160 transactions.

- Motion Carried.

XVI. **COMPUTER SYSTEM**

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and as amended by Comm Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to amend the motion to not to pull "the plug" on all the houses to let the ones that are working at Station 3, 4 and Headquarters remain the same and have Larry Rosen concentrate his time on meeting with Linda and correcting the problems down at Croft Corners. At the same time, possibly notify the other companies of the problems Linda found (i.e., missing people are being dropped), in case the other companies aren't aware of it. They should be made aware of it and give them their option to use the computer or not for putting in reports. If they choose not to use the computer, to fax it up here (Headquarters), and it will be input from here.

- Motion Carried.

XVII. **MEETING**

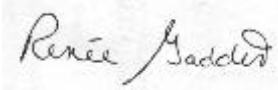
Comm. Richardson stated that the Workshop meeting scheduled next week, March 22, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. will still be held but the only subject to be discussed will be the building. Comm. Richardson asked Chip for a union representative to be present.

Comm. Richardson asked DC Pells to contact the architect to be at the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Philipp that we adjourn. (no time given)

- Motion Carried.

ctfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Renee Gaddis".

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Renee Gaddis
District Secretary