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Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' WORKSHOP MEETING March 31, 1999

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Paul Lahey, Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento (excused)
Comm. Gerard Philipp
Comm. William McCourt
Comm. John Richardson

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

Chairman Lahey opened the meeting of the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' Workshop Meeting at 7:37 p.m.

- I. Comm. Lahey requested Comm. McCourt and Comm. Richardson to review Abstract 3B.

II. **MINUTES**

- A. March 9, 1999 Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting.
A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Richardson to approve the Minutes with the following amendment.

Correction, as noted by Secretary Gaddis:

- A. Resolution - date of referendum should be April 13, 1999, not April 12, 1999.

- Motion Carried.

III. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- A. Fire District Affairs - March 1999

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Letter dated March 13, 1999 from Darren Gentilquore, Re: Ambulance Coverage & Lutheran Care Center.
- B. Letter dated March 8, 1999 from Albert Mack, thanking Lt. Walsh for a job well done at his house fire, used for training on Sunday, March 7, 1999.

V. **PERSONNEL**

- A. Letter dated March 24, 1999 to Lt. Jim Snyder from DC Pells informing him of his completed probation period as Fire Lieutenant.
- B. Letter dated March 22, 1999 from DC Pells, Lt. Walsh, FF Porter, FF Bedell, FF Antalek, FF Maguire thanking the Board for allowing them to attend the FDIC Conference, held March 16 - 21, 1999.
- C. Memo dated March 11, 1999 from AC Phillips to All Personnel regarding the 1999 Parade dates.
- D. Memo dated March 4, 1999 from Red Oaks Mill Station 3 requesting the removal of the following members from active roles of the Arlington Fire District.
1. Richard Bohack
 2. Jeffrey Wunderlich

A motion was made by Comm. Phillip and seconded by Comm. McCourt to remove Richard Bohack from active roles of the Arlington Fire District.

- Motion Carried.

(Note: Jeffrey Wunderlich was removed at the February 9, 1999 Board of Fire Commissioners Monthly Meeting)

VI. **DONATIONS**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ruth Bright	In Memory of Ruth Posner	\$ 25.00
Anna DiPrizito	In Memory of Ruth Posner	\$ 50.00
Dorothea Filippone	In Memory of Ruth Posner	\$ 25.00
Janis Naldini	In Memory of Ruth Posner	\$ 25.00
Mudite Pramnieks	In Memory of Alfred Knospins	\$ 20.00
Valija Ronis	In Memory of Alfred Knospins	\$ 30.00
Joan Burhans	Assistance Received	\$100. 00

- Motion Carried.

VII. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

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

- A. Lt. Jim Snyder: "Architectural Door and Hardware Seminar", March 30, 1999 in Fishkill, NY.
- B. FF Gary Lewis: "Medium Structural Collapse Operations: Interior Shoring", April 6 - 7, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- C. FF Gary Lewis: "Basic Structural Collapse Operations: Exterior Shoring", April 8 - 9, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- D. FF Chris Hoover: "Haz Mat First Responders OPS", April 12 - 13, 1999 at Camp Smith.

- E. FF Lisa Monaco: "Regional Health & Safety Seminar", April 21, 1999 at Holiday Inn, Kingston.
- F. FF Chris Quinby: "Hudson Valley Regional EMS Conference", May 1, 1999 at Fishkill Holiday Inn.
- G. FF Lisa Monaco: "More Critical Decisions in the Management of the Multiply Injured Patient", May 12, 1999 at Holiday Inn, Albany.
- H. FF Andy Mihans: "Advanced Rope Rescue", May 20 - 23, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- I. Lt. Jeff Karn: "Back to Basics: Structural Firefighting", May 21 - 22, 1999 in NYC.
- J. FF Pete Davis: "Back to Basics: Structural Firefighting", May 21 - 22, 1999 in NYC.
- K. FF Steve Tuttle: "FAST Training: Fire Attack Skills and Tactics", June 10 - 12, 1999 at Empire Expo Center, Syracuse, NY.
- L. FF Andy Mihans: "Instructor Certification", August 2 - 5, 1999 at Montour Falls.
- Motion Carried.

VIII. BOARD OF ELECTIONS APPOINTMENTS

Resolve that a Special Fire District Election take place on April 13, 1999 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at District Headquarters, 11 Burnett Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, New York.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ballot for such Special Election be in the form attached to these resolutions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following Chairman and Election Inspectors be appointed and compensated in the amount of \$35. 00 for their services and attendance at the annual election;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in case of any of the members appointed herein are unable to assume or perform the duties required of them, this Board of Fire Commissioners will appoint alternates who are resident electors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if clerical help is deemed necessary, this Board of Fire Commissioners will consider the appointment of such clerical persons upon request of the Chairman of the Fire District Board of Elections.

Chairman: William M. Doyle

Election Inspector: Candace Ireland

Election Inspector: Pam Tompkins

Election Inspector: Kelly Doyle

Election Inspector: Elizabeth Saul

SHALL THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE ARLINGTON FIRE DISTRICT, ADOPTED ON MARCH 9, 1999, AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE ARLINGTON FIRE DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM TO ALLOW ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE ARLINGTON FIRE DISTRICT TO CONTINUE TO EARN SERVICE CREDIT UNDER THE POINT SYSTEM AFTER ATTAINING THE ENTITLEMENT AGE AS DEFINED IN THE PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1999, BE APPROVED?

YES _____

NO _____

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Phillip to accept to aforementioned resolution for the special election being held April 13, 1999.

- Motion Carried.

IX. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

A. Chairman Lahey - No Items.

B. Comm. McCourt

1. District meeting held March 30th was well attended by and wanted to thank the Chief, Deputy Chief and Lt. Walsh as well as many others who an excellent job.

C. Comm. Richardson

1. Asked Secretary Gaddis re: Records Retention

A. Secretary Gaddis stated that she has been looking online and using information from State Archives & Records Management.

Comm. Lahey stated that we may be eligible through the County, which provides records retention for government agencies. Will check on it.

D. Comm. Philipp

1. Discussion with Board, Attorney Comatos, regarding third party charging for ALS calls. Legislature, which is already out there, has been voted down, needs another way of approaching idea.

- A. DC Pells e-mailed Assemblyman Joel Miller and Senator Steve Saland regarding getting their office hours to contact and meet.
- B. EMS Kloefer discussed Sloper Willen and Alamo Mutual Aid policy in charging Arlington.
- C. Comm. Philipp will contact Jay Rollison and discuss the ability to charge for all EMS services. i.e.: number of EMS calls, amount of nursing homes.
- D. Discussion of insurance costs, taxes and costs for ALS vs. BLS calls.

X. **CHIEFS ITEMS / COMMENTS**

A. Deputy Chief Pells

- 1. Presented Board with Volunteer Applications.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. McCourt to approve the following applicants:

- A. Lauren B. Bell - 3 , EMS
- B. Christina Lin - 3, FF/EMS
- C. Jennifer L. Marshall - 1, EMS
- D. Cathy A. Sedore - 1, FP

- Motion Carried.

- 2. Presented Board with a letter from Lt. Walsh with a request from Local 2393 to use the Training Room at Headquarters on Friday July 30, 1999 from 1500 - 2030 hours for the Semi-Annual Blood Drive.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the use of the Training Room for the Blood Drive being held July 30, 1999.

- Motion Carried.

- 3. Two (2) items for Executive Session.

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

A. Treasurer Jim Passikoff

- 1. Presented Board with copy of Budget.

B. Attorney Gerard Comatos

1. Working with DC Pells re: Amending AFD's Sexual Harassment Policy, regarding who personnel should report to; chain of command?. Will make amendments and Board may discuss or act on it at next meeting.
2. Comm. Lahey presented a letter from Oak Grove Elementary School, (addressed to Fire Inspector Rose) to Attorney Comatos, requesting the use of Station #3 for a community resource if an emergency arose within the school. i.e. school bus accident
 - Attorney Comatos questioned the idea and stated that what are the rights and responsibilities of the firehouse and school; who's liable for insurance if something happened; what if Station #3 had an emergency to attend to; what extent can they "take over" the fire house?Discussion amongst the Board and Attorney Comatos.

C. EMS Director John Kloefer - No Items.

A motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. Philipp that we adjourn to Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:54 p.m and returned to Open Session.

XIII. CHIEF HELLMANN

1. Received letter from Jim Buell, Director DCDER, Fire Prevention and Public Education, thanking Arlington's participation in Kids Expo '99.
2. Bids for Ambulance were reviewed by the Apparatus Committee March 23rd. Recommendation is for Professional Vehicle Sales who met specs.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. McCourt to accept the Professional Vehicle Sales bid price of an estimated \$118, 918.00.

- Motion Carried.

XIV. ABSTRACT 3B

A motion was made by Comm. McCourt and seconded by Comm. Richardson

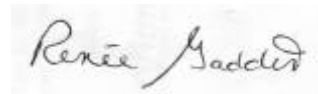
to approve Abstract 3B in the amount of \$137, 254.53, consisting of 176 transactions charged to 52 accounts.

- Motion Carried.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. McCourt that we adjourn at 11:03 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Renee Gaddis", is written on a light-colored background. The signature is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Renee Gaddis
District Secretary