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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MONTHLY MEETING April 11, 2000

ATTENDEES: Comm. John Richardson, Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento
Comm. Gerard Philipp
Comm. Paul Lahey (absent)
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 7:27 p.m.

I. Comm. Richardson requested Comm. Chiumento and Comm. Pells to review Abstract 4A.

II. MINUTES

A. March 14, 2000 Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the Minutes as printed.

- Motion Carried.

B. March 22, 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 - March 2000
- B. Fire Prevention Bureau Report - March 2000
- C. Fire District Affairs - March 2000
- D. Service Awards Comm. Chiumento - No Report.
- E. District Inspections Chiefs - No Report.
- F. District Officers/Chief Liaison Chairman Richardson
 - 1. Read letter of resignation from Chief John Hellmann, effective April 7, 2000.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to accept, with regret, the resignation of Chief John Hellmann, effective April 7, 2000.

- Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp to hold a District Meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at Red Oaks Mill, for the purpose of special election for Chief, which is open to all four Assistant Chiefs and anyone who may be eligible.

Discussion regarding qualifications - Comm. Richardson stated, currently there is nobody qualified. Comm. Chiumento stated that they are suspending the qualifications, for the current four Assistant Chiefs for the rest of this year. Starting January 1st the person running for the position, must be qualified, as per the current District Rules and Regulations. For now, they are "lowering" the qualifications for the four current Assistant Chiefs.

Poll of the Board:

Comm. Richardson - "Aye"
Comm. Philipp - "Aye"
Comm. Pells - "Nay"
Comm. Chiumento - "Aye"

- Motion Carried.

- G. Sub Station Chairman Richardson - No Report.
- H. EMS & Paramedic Liaison Comm. Lahey - Absent, no report given.
- I. Public Relations Chairman Richardson - No Report.
- J. Equipment Maintenance Chairman Richardson - No Report.
- K. Building & Grounds Comm. Philipp - went to Red Oaks Mill, construction coming along Minor cleanup needed.
- L. Capital Equipment Comm. Philipp - spoke with ex-Chief, discussed ambulance refurbish, and staff cars' replacement due to high mileage. Will get with the committee to discuss these issues. Pre engineering

- review meeting for new engine with E-One in beginning of May.
Comm. Lahey & Comm. Chiumento - No Report.
- M. Union Negotiations & Contract
- N. Career Staff Liaison Comm. Lahey -Absent, no report given.
- O. Volunteer Recruitment Comm. Philipp - Could not attend April 5th “Recruitment” seminar in Millbrook due to being ill. Asked Larry on status of Larry stated that it is not ordered have to get approval on exact from State. Overpass is booked until 1st. There are state regulations. i.e., display phone number, e-mail address. Looking for input on how to display, without phone number displayed on banner. wife banner. yet, we content June can’t
- P. Volunteer Liaison Comm. Pells - No Report.

IV.

PERSONNEL

- A. Memo dated April 9, 2000 from Linda Yarema, Station 5 regarding dropping the following members:

1. Matthew Kochis
2. William C. Dean, Jr.

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

- Motion Carried.

- B. Memo dated April 9, 2000 from Linda Yarema regarding changes needed to District Computer for month of March.
- C. Letter dated April 8, 2000 from Linda Yarema, Station 5, to the Board of Fire Commissioners regarding the seminar she attended on “Recruitment and Retention of Volunteers” at the Millbrook Fire House.
- D. Memo dated April 4, 2000 from EMS Director Kloepper regarding dropping the following from EMS roles for failing to meet the 1999 CME requirements:

1. Anthony Abbott
2. David Tuttle

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

- Motion Carried.

- E. Letter dated April 3, 2000 from Croft Corners thanking Career Staff for participating in Bill Dean's funeral ceremony.
- F. Memo dated March 29, 2000 from Rochdale Fire Company regarding Mike DeGoski to be reactivated within the District.

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Philipp to accept the transfer of Mike DeGoski from Station 5 to Station 4.

- Motion Carried.

- G. Letter received from Thelma Verdejo, thanking the volunteers for doing a good job in the Fire District.
- H. Letter received from Rochdale regarding holding a car wash on April 22, 2000.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the use of bays as well as coverage for insurance as a fund raiser for the car wash.

- Motion Carried.

VI. **DONATIONS**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Sandra & Frank Flemming	In Memory of Gerald Chiumento

TOTAL: \$25. 00

- Motion Carried.

VII. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

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

- A. AC Bill Phillips: "Command and Management - Chief Officer", April 15 - 16, 2000.
- B. DC Jeff Pells: "Interplay of the ADA, FMLA and Workers Comp Seminar",

April 27, 2000 in Albany.

- C. EMS Director John Kloepfer: “Interplay of the ADA, FMLA and Workers Comp Seminar”, April 27, 2000 in Albany.
- D. Lt. P.G. McDonald: “Interplay of the ADA, FMLA and Workers Comp Seminar”, April 27, 2000 in Albany.
- E. Treasurer Jim Passikoff: “Interplay of the ADA, FMLA and Workers Comp Seminar”, April 27, 2000 in Albany.
- F. DC Jeff Pells: “Responder Awareness for Weapons of Mass Destruction & Operations”, May 17, 2000 at WCTC.
- G. Lt. Dave Walsh: “Responder Awareness for Weapons of Mass Destruction & Operations”, May 17, 2000 at WCTC.
- H. Lt. Dave Walsh: “Responder Operations for WMD” , May 18, 2000 at WCTC.
- I. Lt. Jeff Karn: “Fire 2000 / FF Rescue Program: NYS Chiefs Conference”, June 8 - 10, 2000 in Syracuse, NY.
- J. FF Gus Antalek: “Firehouse Expo”, July 20 - 23, 2000 in Baltimore, Maryland.
- Motion Carried.

VIII. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

- A. Chairman Richardson
 - 1. Asked Brian Mallet to get with the four companies to see who should take care of the four company fund checks, due to Bill Dean's passing.
 - 2. Asked Attorney Comatos that we had a “Recommendation of Prior Claim” and what we should do about it.
 - A. Attorney Comatos asked if this had to do with response time, Comm. Richardson and Chiumento stated no, in general. The claim is putting us on notice on a particular condition, that is perceived as a hazard or danger. We are not liable unless we are put on notice and don't do anything about it. An example would be a pot hole on a town road and somebody hits it. There is no liability if the town didn't know about it. If the town was notified, given the

chance to fix it, did nothing about it, and somebody else hit it, then they are liable.

3. Six (6) Personnel Items for Executive Session.
- B. Comm. Chiumento - No Items.
- C. Comm. Philipp - No Items.
- D. Comm. Pells - No Items.

IX. **CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS**

- A. Deputy Chief Pells
 1. Asked Larry if he looked into calculations for computerization connections - Larry will discuss at Workshop, needs to get more information.
 2. New equipment purchases - Comm. Richardson stated that he wants to refer this to the Capital Committee and bring back to the Board for recommendations.
 3. 32-13 - taking longer than anticipated, didn't have all pieces that they thought they needed. Cab is from factory, chassis is completed at Nichols.
 4. Substation - walked through with architect and engineer, a rough drawing with rough estimate on renovations by next week. Need to get salvage estimate.
 5. Three (3) Personnel Items for Executive Session.
- B. Assistant Chief Bill Phillips
 1. District Inspection Picnic dates - September 9th or September 16th at the American Legion. Needs \$150 check to hold date.
 - A. Commissioners agreed that September 9th was good.
 2. Parades
 - A. LaGrange - 32-13 & 32-45, July 15, 2000
 - B. Dover - 32-11, July 21, 2000
 - C. Millbrook - 32-14 & 32-45, July 29, 2000
 - D. Pleasant Valley - 32-14, September 10, 2000

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to order the department to parade the aforementioned parades.

- Motion Carried.

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

- A. Captain Dave Roberts, Station 3, - asked the Board why no response was given to the letter they submitted at the District meeting on February 16th.
 1. Comm. Richardson stated that they are not ready to

- respond, does not have correct information.
- B. Bill McCourt - was presented with mementos and Chairman Richardson thanked him for all the time and effort as Commissioner.
 - C. Ruth Davidson, Station 5, - need to update our web page, if they want potential volunteers to look at the web page. Items on there from two years ago.
 - D. Luella Oscarlese - Had numerous questions she wanted answered by the Board.
 - 1. Chairman Richardson stated that she needs to file a freedom of information, for those questions.
 - E. Bruce Pells - DC Pells submitted a request to the Town Board for waiver of fees on District owned houses. Stated that it is in their Legal Department.
 - F. Marlene Galow - Wanted to know if they were going to set a date for the public hearing.
 - 1. Chairman Richardson stated that it is on hold right now due to lack of information to present. Will not be held on April 18th.
 - G. Larry Rosen , Director of Volunteer Recruitment
 - 1. Has two (2) approved applications from the companies, will present at next Workshop meeting.
 - 2. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session.
 - H. Brian Mallet - received letter from Linda Yarema. Asked Board to clarify his job description as District President for her.
 - 1. Comm. Richardson stated that his job is to act as an interface between the District and the Presidents of the four companies to make sure the lines of communications are open between the District officers and the District, and four companies. Also to run District meetings, to help with the District picnic and memorial service.
 - 2. Four Company Fund - Will discuss with the four companies. Carl Davidson stated that when Bill Dean was sick, he took the checks and he would give them to the treasurer.
 - I. Chip Grundon, President Local 2393
 - 1. Items for Executive Session.
 - 2. Asked Comm. Richardson if the anonymous letter from last meeting is ok to distribute. Comm. Richardson stated yes.

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chiumento that we adjourn to Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:07 p.m and returned to Open Session.

XII. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Comm. Richardson stated that he neglected to do a moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting. Everyone stood for a moment of silence in the memory of Simon Antalek, infant son of Gus and Bridget Antalek, Bill Dean, life member of Station 5 and Paul Mollela, life member of Station 3.

XIII. **ABSTRACT 4A**

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Pells to approve Abstract 4A in the amount of \$162,065.13, consisting of 301 transactions.

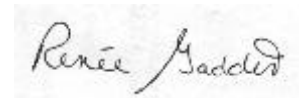
- Motion Carried.

XIV. **OPEN SESSION COMMENTS**

- A. Comm. Richardson stated that the Board of Fire Commissioners will have Christine O'Shea work with Larry Rosen in realm of Volunteer Recruitment and begin earnestly to put more effort into Volunteer Recruitment for this Fire District.
- B. Bruce Pells asked if we received the check from Town taxes. Comm. Richardson stated yes, we received the tax check two weeks early. We did not receive anything from Lutheran Care.
- C. Comm. Pells asked Bruce Pells and Marlene Galow if we can get four large maps of the Town of Poughkeepsie for the public hearing. Bruce stated probably through the Town Planning Department.
 - 1. Comm. Richardson stated that the public hearing has been postponed, not in defiantly for at least three to four weeks.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chiumento that we adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

- Motion Carried.



Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Gaddis
District Secretary