



Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard
Poughkeepsie, New York
12603

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' WORKSHOP MEETING May 23, 2001

ATTENDEES: Comm. Paul Lahey, Chairman
 Comm. Ralph Chimento
 Comm. Gerard Philipp
 Comm. Karen Pells
 Comm. Elizabeth Bomba

 Attorney: Gerard Comatos (absent)
 Treasurer: James Passikoff (absent)
 Secretary: Renee Gaddis

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

- I. Comm. Lahey requested Comm. Bomba and Comm. Pells to review Abstract 5A.
- II. Comm. Lahey turned over the meeting at 7:31 p.m. to John Melby, of the Daniels Agency to discuss the price differences between PERMA and Group 497 regarding Workers Compensation Insurance. This discussion concluded at 7:45 p.m.
- III. Comm. Philipp turned over the meeting at 7:45 p.m. to Dennis Suraci, architect, of Mauri Associates to discuss any questions the Board had on the substation plans. This discussion concluded at 8:10 p.m.
 - (1) Comm. Philipp stated that it would be cheaper to refurbish the building instead of building a brand new one. Looking at approximately \$500K versus approximately \$1 million.
 - (2) Estimate of new building was obtained by taking the print of Boardman Road using that design and expanding it, adding two more bays. That building is 6000 ft, the new one would be approx. 8100 ft. Boardman Road is approx. \$75 per square foot and new building is approx. \$145 per square foot.
 - (3) DC Pells asked what kind of construction it would be. Dennis stated it would be ordinary with mason walls, versus pre-

engineered construction. Cost effective.

- (4) Dennis stated if you reduce the square footage, the cost per square foot for the new building, get reduced, but not drastically. Still looking at \$75 per square foot vs. \$140 per square foot.
- (5) Comm. Philipp stated that if they are going to invest approx. \$500K, they are looking at a 20 year plan, anything less than that isn't worth it.

IV. **MINUTES**

- A. April 25, 2001 Board of Fire Commissioners' Workshop Meeting.
A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Bomba to approve the Minutes as printed.

- Motion Carried.

V. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- A. Fire District Affairs - March 2001
- B. Fire District Affairs - April 2001
- C. Service Awards- Comm. Chiumento
 - 1. Sent in statistics and by the end of this month should know what to take out of this years budget and the budget for August of next year.
- D. District Inspections - Chiefs
 - 1. 2001 Parade Assignment list to be approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells to approve the attendance at the parades for 2001.

- Motion Carried.

- E. District Officers/Chief Liaison - Comm. Chiumento - No Report.
- F. Sub Station - Comm. Philipp - No Report.
- 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.
 - 1. Comm. Lahey asked EMS Director Kloeppfer about the electronic PCR program. EMS Director stated that they are scheduled to go online June 1st. Comm. Lahey requested that He and Assistant EMS Director Violante do a demonstration at the next meeting.

- K. Career Staff Liaison - Comm. Pells - No Report.
- L. Volunteer Recruitment - Comm. Chiumento
 - 1. Met with Christine O'Shea and discussed ways to improve recruitment. Doing a recruitment drive, targeting schools, using video that the Fire Chief Association is putting out.
- M. Volunteer Liaison - Comm. Chiumento - No Report.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Received the April 24, 2001 minutes of the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County.
- B. Thank you letter dated May 21, 2001 from Arlington Central School District thanking AFD for participating in their dedication ceremony.

VII. **PERSONNEL**

- A. Memo dated May 1, 2001 from Assistant Chief Phillips to the Company Presidents and Company Captains regarding the 2001 Parade Assignments.
(Approved during Monthly Reports)
- B. Letter dated May 21, 2001 from EMS Director Kloepper to the Board of Fire Commissioners to drop the following from EMS roles for failure to meet 2000 CME requirements:

- (1) Stacey Sacco - Station 5
- (2) John Doty - Station 5
- (3) Mark Pizzarella - Station 5 *(to be discussed in Executive Session by EMS Director Kloepper)*

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Bomba to drop Stacey Sacco and John Doty from EMS roles for failure to meet the 2000 CME requirements.

- Motion Carried.

- C. Change of Status received May 23, 2010 for Christine O'Shea, Station 4 - Drop EMS.

VIII. **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> |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Marion Skelly | Assistance Received |
| Marion Sauter | Assistance Received |
| Anne Constantinople | Assistance Received |
| Miriam Simons | In Memory of Louise MacIsaac |
| Betty Folster | In Memory of Louise MacIsaac |
| Deborah Maloney | In Memory of Louise MacIsaac |
| Karen Seigler | In Memory of Louise MacIsaac |

TOTAL: \$340. 00

- Motion Carried.

IX. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

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 Steve Inglis: "Fire Expo", May 19, 2001 in Harrisburgh, PA.
- B. FF/Mechanic Joe Tarquinio: "Fire Expo", May 19, 2001 in Harrisburgh, PA.
- C. FF Steve Inglis: "Apparatus Safety", May 23, 2001 at Rocky Hill FD, CT.
- D. FF/Mechanic Joe Tarquinio: "Apparatus Safety", May 23, 2001 at Rocky Hill FD, CT.
- E. Lieutenant P.G. McDonald: "Implementing the New & Improved Retirement Benefits", May 30, 2001 at Dutchess County CCE in Millbrook.
- F. DC Jeff Pells: "Roadside to Bedside: The Spectrum of Emergency Care Conference", June 11 - 12, 2001 in White Plains.
- G. FF Lisa Monaco: "Roadside to Bedside: The Spectrum of Emergency Care Conference", June 11 - 12, 2001 in White Plains.
- H. FF Chris Quinby: "Roadside to Bedside: The Spectrum of Emergency Care Conference", June 11 - 12, 2001 in White Plains.
- I. FF Lou Cassinelli: "Haz Mat Tech. Refresher", June 11 - 15, 2001 at DC Fire

Training Center. (TIME OFF ONLY)

- J. FF Ken Davidson: "Haz Mat Tech. Refresher", June 11 - 15, 2001 at DC Fire Training Center. (TIME OFF ONLY)
- K. FF Andrew Mihans: "Haz Mat Tech. Refresher", June 11 - 15, 2001 at DC Fire Training Center. (TIME OFF ONLY)
- L. FF Larry Wilson: "Basic Life Support & Hazmat", June 23 - 24, 2001 at Camp Smith.
- M. FF Larry Wilson: "Mask Confidence: Train the Trainer", June 25 - 28, 2001 at Camp Smith.
- N. FF Larry Wilson: "Emergency Response to Terrorism: Tactical Consideration for EMS", July 21 - 22, 2001 at Camp Smith.
- O. FF Francis Cross: "Bldg. Const: Non Combust & Fire Resist. Const", December 1, 2001 at Montour Falls.

- Motion Carried.

X.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

- A. Chairman Lahey - No Items.
- B. Comm. Philipp - No Items.
- C. Comm. Chiumento - No Items.
- D. Comm. Pells
 - 1. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session.
- E. Comm. Bomba
 - 1. The Town of Poughkeepsie is having a Town Day on July 21st from 2 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and wants us to participate. No Rain Date.
 - DC Pells stated that it is no problem for us to participate, but may cost us money to call back.
 - 2. AFD received Lutheran Care Center check.
 - 3. Teleconference scheduled for June 19th. Wanted to know if they were registered.
 - Secretary Gaddis stated yes.
 - 4. Picked up a pamphlet from the Residential Fire Safety Institute that gives an award for a fire department that has had no structural fire deaths in the previous calendar year. Comm.

Bomba stated that all that needs to be done is fill out the pamphlet.

XI. **CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS**

A. Chief Tony Alongi

1. Apparatus Committee wants the Board to approve a permissive referendum for two (2) staff vehicles to replace the two explorers due to high mileage and a Heavy Duty Rescue Vehicle to replace Engine 2. Stated that the Committee decided to look at used/refurbished equipment. DC Pells stated that the Heavy Duty Vehicle that they are looking at can be refurbished with a new chassis and a new cab for no more than \$210K.
2. Discussion of significance of Heavy Duty Rescue Vehicle.

RESOLVE, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, there is hereby appropriated from the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund of the Arlington Fire District in the Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, the sum not to exceed \$300, 000.00 to finance, pay for, and be applied toward the purchase of two (2) staff vehicles with related equipment, accessories and appurtenances and one (1) Heavy Duty Rescue vehicle with related equipment accessories and appurtenances.

This foregoing resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Pells to approve the aforementioned resolution.

- Motion Carried.

B. Deputy Chief Jeff Pells

1. Going to New Jersey tomorrow to look at ambulance and factory. 3/4 of the way done.
2. Board needs to do something with the roof replacement. Had another leak in his office and ruined another computer monitor.
 - Discussion on what part of the roof needs it now. There are 3 sections. The Board decided to have DC Pells' section done right away in an emergency situation and the other two sections will be done at another time.
3. Presented the Board with Ambulance Response stats. The Board needs to consider getting the South end manned at night.

4. Two (2) Personnel Items for Executive Session.
5. Thought they were going to be receiving a letter from Station 5 regarding changing the 5 minute rule and having it adjusted based on the call. Chief Alongi stated that Carl was supposed to have it here which listed no emergent calls and they would wait the 5 minutes and they would take it. For AFA's, smoke in the building, reports of fire, etc. that the firemen would respond right away.
 - Comm. Chiumento stated that any time three pieces of equipment were dispatched they could take the first piece of equipment, which means it's a first alarm in Crofts area. They are not being there going for supplemental or anything else. This is what is called a true, real possibility of structures fires, smell of smoke at IBM. Having volunteers to get out three pieces of equipment during the day is slim to none. If its something in HQ area, they stay, primary is having EMS in south end. Engines coming out of HQ and Red Oaks.
 - Chief Alongi stated he will contact Carl and if he has the letter and in agreement that the letter be submitted to the Board, he will set up a policy based on the letter, on behalf on the Board. He wants to have it set as soon as possible. The Board agreed.

XII. ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

- A. EMS Director John Kloepfer
 1. Presented Board with Staff evaluations to be reviewed.
- B. Board discussion on PERMA
 1. Comm. Philipp stated that PERMA costs more.
 2. Comm. Lahey is against PERMA. Wants the members to be compensated right away if they get hurt. The rest of the Board agreed.

(A) A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells to keep the State Insurance Fund. (B) A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Pells to pick up the additional insurance for the third party coverage if it is not covered by other existing policies.

 - Motions Carried.

- C. Board discussion on raising the Umbrella Policy.
 - A. Comm. Philipp stated that they did raise it and the plan was to raise it a million a year until they meet 10 million.
 - B. DC Pells stated it is approx. \$2K per million. He will look into it.

No motion was made but adjourned to Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- XIV. Discussion of where to place the probationary FF's. DC Pells will look into what is most cost effective.

XV. **ABSTRACT 5A**

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to approve Abstract 5A in the amount of \$129,355.46, consisting of 199 transactions and the addition of two vouchers totaling \$658.65.

- Motion Carried.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. Philipp that we adjourn at 9:37 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Gaddis
District Secretary