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# Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

### BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY MEETING July 11, 2011

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Patrick Rose, Chairman (arrived at 7:33 PM)

Comm. Kenneth Muckenhaupt - Acting Chairman

Comm. Ralph Chiumento (absent)

Comm. Peter Valdez Comm. Richard Dore

Attorney:

Richard J. Olson (absent)

Treasurer:

James Passikoff (absent)

**Business Manager:** 

Frank Borquist

Secretary:

Renee O'Neill

Acting Chairman Muckenhaupt opened the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting at 7:30 p.m., with a roll call and pledge of allegiance.

Comm. Rose arrived at 7:33 pm., and asked Comm. Muckenhaupt to continue running the meeting.

I. Comm. Muckenhaupt requested Comm. Valdez and Comm. Dore to review Abstract 7A.

#### II. MINUTES

- A. <u>June 27, 2011 Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting</u>
  A motion was made by Comm. Valdez and seconded by Comm. Dore to approve the Minutes as written.
  - Motion Carried, 4 0.
- III. MONTHLY REPORTS No reports given unless otherwise noted below
  - A. Service Awards Comm. Chiumento & Comm. Muckenhaupt
  - B. District Inspections Comm. Valdez
  - C. District Officers / Chief Liaison Comm. Rose
  - D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison Comm. Muckenhaupt & Comm. Valdez
  - E. Public Relations Comm. Dore & Comm. Chiumento

- F. Equipment Maintenance Comm. Rose
- G. Buildings and Grounds Comm. Rose
- H. Capital Equipment Comm. Valdez & Comm. Chiumento
- I. Union Negotiations & Contract Comm. Muckenhaupt & Comm. Chiumento
- J. Career Staff Liaison Comm. Dore
- K. Volunteer Recruitment Comm. Valdez
- L. Volunteer Liaison Comm. Valdez
- M. District Safety & Health Comm. Rose
- N. Strategic Plan Comm. Valdez

#### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. E-mail dated June 17, 2011 from Tony Ferrari to the Board of Fire Commissioners regarding the "AFD Vehicle Use Policy Amended 06/06/11".
- B. Thank you card received June 22, 2011 from Vassar Road Baptist Church Preschool thanking Captain Steenbergh, Lt. Jeff Karn, FF Rich Muellerleile, FF Victor Zamaloff, FF Scott Wilsey and FF Ken Garon for visiting with the children along with the Fire Safety House and the Fire Engine.
- C. E-mail dated June 22, 2011 from Tony Ferrari regarding his FOIL request for information pertaining to the June 6, 2011 slide presentation done by John Richardson.
- D. Received "Fire District Affairs June July 2011".
- E. E-mail dated June 30, 2011 from Liz Dollinger of American Red Cross requesting to conduct a blood drive on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 8 PM (drive to run 1PM to 6PM, set up and break down hours added) at AFD Headquarters.

A motion was made by Comm. Rose and seconded by Comm. Valdez to approve the blood drive as requested.

- Motion Carried, 4 0
- F. E-mail dated June 30, 2011 from Steve Graff of Red Oaks Mill Fire Company regarding the June 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting minutes. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp was quoted as saying that the only member from ROM to respond to the water rescue call on Wappingers Creek was Comm. Muckenhaupt. Steve wanted it noted that he was first on the scene and also Fire Police Ray Ball was on the scene.
- G. Received a donation of 186 AA and 80 AAA batteries from Duracell and the National Volunteer Fire Council as a thank you and part of their "Power Those Who Protect Us" battery donation program.
- H. Received July 6, 2011 a "Fund Raising Event Form" from Rochdale Fire Company requesting to do a Boot Drive on September 10, 2011 from 10AM to 4PM on Route 44 in front of Adams.

A motion was made by Comm. Rose and seconded by Comm. Dore to approve the fund raising event as requested.

#### V. **DONATIONS**

NAME	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Richard Rathbun	In Memory of Richard Rathbun	\$25.00
Bernard Goldman	Assistance Received	\$100.00
Dorothy Fitchett	In Memory of Carlton Fitchett	\$500.00
Arline Scheinzeit	Car Seat Installation	\$20.00

A motion was made by Comm. Valdez and seconded by Comm. Rose to turnover the total amount of \$625.00 in donations to the five company fund and \$20.00 to the car seat fund.

Motion Carried, 4 - 0

#### VI. SCHOOL REQUESTS

The following members have been approved by Chief Gallante to attend the following classes and/or seminars that are "In County" and are for Board notification purposes only:

- A. FF Ken Davidson: "Hazardous Materials Technician Refresher", Jul 11 15, 2011 at DCTC.
- B. Lt. Howard Adams: "Rick Lasky", September 17, 2011 at Roy C. Ketcham HS.
- C. "Inspecting Existing Public Assemblies", September 14, 2011 in Staatsburg.
  - 1. Captain Jim Snyder
  - 2. Lt. Howard Adams
- D. FF John Dunderdale: "Advanced Hazardous Materials Technician", July 11 15, 2011 at IBM Poughkeepsie.
- E. FF Phil Johnson: "EMT", starts August 29, 2011 at NDP in Rhinebeck.
- F. Lt. Howard Adams: "Inspection of Concrete and Masonry Construction", September 15, 2011 in Staatsburg.
- G. Lt. Howard Adams: "Review of Update 2010: Building Height and Area", October 19, 2011 in Staatsburg.

The following school requests need approval by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

- A. FF John Ortiz: "Rope Rescue Technician Level I", August 15 18, 2011 at Montour Falls.
- B. FF John Ortiz: "Rope Rescue Technician Level II", September 27 30, 2011 at Montour Falls.

- C. Captain William Steenbergh: "Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Fire Protection Systems", August 2, 2011 in Albany.
- D. FF Justin Carlon: "Standardized Awareness Authorized Training Program, Train the Trainer", July 10 14, 2011 in Anniston, AL.
- E. Lt. Howard Adams: "Applying Codes to Existing Single Family Buildings", November 15, 2011 in Albany.

A motion was made by Comm. Rose and seconded by Comm. Dore to approve school requests A - E.

Motion Carried, 4 - 0

## VII. <u>COMMISSIONERS ITEMS</u> - No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted

A. Comm. Valdez

1. Reported that Chief Gallante will give an update on IES during his reports. IES plans on presenting the Board next week with updates on the AFD computer system and the issues we are encountering. We have to spend money.

#### VIII. CHIEFS / ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Chief Tory Gallante
  - 1. Temporary Lieutenant appointments paperwork is completed and they will start July 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2. Station 3 additional staffing starts July 18th.
  - 3. Ongoing server issues. We will need to spend money. Lots of repairs with the current server. For budgeting purposes, requesting to revisit the old plan and come up with a replacement plan for the workstations.
  - 4. Received a request dated June 30<sup>th</sup> from Captain Steenbergh for AFD to participate in the Town of Poughkeepsie PD's Annual "National Night Out" event to be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5pm to 8pm. Requesting five people for four hours, the use of the fire safety trailer, information table and the static display of an engine or ambulance. Does not recommend using in service apparatus, due to the size of the crowds, traffic congestion, and impact on response times.

A motion was made by Comm. Rose and seconded by Comm. Dore to approve the request for the fire safety event at Greenvale Park on August  $2^{nd}$ .

Motion Carried, 4 - 0

- 5. Thanked those members who were involved with the house fire today at Bethlehem Place. Did a really nice job.
- 6. Looking at tax exempt properties in the District. As properties go to expand and are tax exempt, will address the issues with the Assessors office and the Town. It is being worked on.

#### B. Assistant Chiefs

- 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief John Richardson
  - A. For upcoming budget discussions, recommends setting up a meeting with Vassar College to ask what their contributions will be to help offset the budget.
  - B. Volunteer Recruiting: Would have to contact our lawyer, but thinking about doing a Summer Camp (next year) for 14 15 year olds. If interested they may want to join as junior members when they turn 16. Needs to find out liabilities.
  - C. Requesting to have 32-15 to be in service with volunteers to man it, at Young Morse site from 8AM to 3:30PM. They are having a show with antique fire trucks and wants a new one there to compare.

A motion was made by Comm. Rose and seconded by Comm. Dore to approve this request, with volunteers for standby.

- Motion Carried, 4 0
- 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Kevin Finnigan (absent)
- 3. Assistant Chief South Eric Philipp No items
- 4. Assistant Chief North Sam D. North (absent)
- C. EMS Director John Kloepfer
  - 1. Ray Tetrault is off of medical leave effective June 30th.
  - 2. New member for approval: Earl Farrier, Company 4, FF / EMS

A motion was made by Comm. Dore and seconded by Comm. Rose to approve the member.

- Motion Carried, 4 0
- D. Assistant Director of EMS David Violante (absent)
- E. Attorney Richard Olson (absent)

#### F. Treasurer Jim Passikoff

 Acknowledgment of the Treasurer's monthly Financial Report for the District.

The Board received the June financial statement.

2. Received the 2010 Audit Report from Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGiovanni, & Wedell, CPA's, dated June 22, 2011. Board has been sent the report to review via e-mail; the BOFC need to accept it so it can be sent to Albany and the Town of Poughkeepsie.

A motion was made by Comm. Rose and seconded by Comm. Valdez to accept the 2010 Audit Report.

Motion Carried, 4 - 0

#### G. Business Manager Frank Borquist

- 1. Lighting retro fitting at Station 3 is completed.
- 2. Painting at Station 3 is 50% done; approximately \$900 in additional work needs to be done; fascia trim that was damaged, cap the bay doors; cover current vent that is no longer needed; loose soffit
- 3. Received an additional payment on the two apparatus' that was sold; waiting for it to clear before moving forward.
- 4. Updated the Board on the current apparatus that is being sold.
- IX. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR General Discussion. No action(s) taken by the Board, unless otherwise noted.
- X. <u>COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS</u> No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted

With no further open items to discuss, a motion was made by Comm. Rose and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to take a five minute break at 8:15 p.m. and then adjourn to Executive Session.

- Motion Carried, 4 - 0

#### XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

#### XII. OPEN ITEMS

Comm. Muckenhaupt reported that the personnel matter that was discussed in Executive Session was to approve the out of district residence for Melinda Gallo, a member of Engine Company #1. The Board approves her continuing as active EMS member. No motion is required.

#### XIII. ABSTRACT

A motion was made by Comm. Dore and seconded by Comm. Valdez to approve abstract 7A in the amount of \$258, 331.92, consisting of 64 transactions.

- Motion Carried, 4 - 0

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

- Motion Carried, 4 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O'Neill

Fire District Secretary