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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MONTHLY MEETING July 13, 1999

ATTENDEES:

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

Attorney: Gerard Comatos (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)
Treasurer: James Passikoff (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)
Secretary: Renee Gaddis

Chairman Lahey opened the meeting of the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Comm. Lahey turned over the monthly meeting to Mr. Tom O'Gorman to speak on the possible purchase of land at Vassar College that he presented back in August of 1991. Some highlights include: demographics, breaking calls down by EMS, possible 3 acres of land without Vassar paying \$301,000.00 in fire taxes. May 5, 1993 was last correspondence received; has seen preliminary sketch, never seen plot plan or test sporing that were taken, left Board of Fire Commissioners in December 1994.

Comm. McCourt stated to his knowledge test sporing were taken and pursuing getting information; were favorable for a fire station. Will give Tom tests to include in his presentation; personally thanked Tom for coming.

Comm. Chiumento clarified his presentation by stating that Vassar agreed to the land purchase in lieu of no fire tax.

I. Comm. Lahey requested Comm. Philipp and Comm. McCourt to review Abstract 7A.

II. **MINUTES**

- A. June 30, 1999 Board of Fire Commissioners' Workshop Meeting.
A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. McCourt to approve the Minutes as printed.
- Motion Carried.

III. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- A. Chief's Report -June 1999
- B. Fire District Affairs - June 1999
- C. Training Report - June 1999
- D. Fire Service Labor Monthly - June 1999

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Thank you card dated July 6, 1999 from Mr. Richard Grieger thanking AFD for helping him on July 7, 1999.
- B. Letter dated June 28, 1999 from Westchester County Career Chief's Fire Academy thanking AFD for their support in making Class II-99 a success.
- C. Letter dated June 23, 1999 from Blue Shield regarding pharmacy changes.
- D. Minutes of the June 22, 1999 meeting of the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County.

V. **PERSONNEL**

- A. Change of status received July 12, 1999 from Reginald Brown, Sta. 3 - Add EMS.
- B. Letter dated July 12, 1999 from FF Howard Adams to the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting Sick Time Reimbursement.
- C. Letter dated July 9, 1999 from Michael Collins to DC Pells and Chief Hellmann informing them of his resignation from Rochdale Fire Company.
 - DC Pells requested that the Board does not officially drop Michael Collins from the District until he is completely out of the District. He will be coming back from time to time for now. The Board agreed.
 - Capt. Al Schoessow of Rochdale, stated that he will let the Board know when he is officially out by forwarding a letter.
 - Comm. Philipp wanted to thank Michael Collins for all he's done for the District and will be missed.

VI. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

- A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. McCourt to

accept the attendance of the following members to the schools/seminars listed:

- A. FF Lou Cassinelli: "Codes 42", August 9 - 12, 1999 at Arlington Station 3.
- B. FF Jim Lieberman: "Codes 42", August 9 - 12, 1999 at Arlington Station 3.
- C. FF Lou Cassinelli: "Air Monitoring", August 16 - 20, 1999 at Montour Falls.
- D. Lt. James Snyder: "Propane Gas & Equipment School", September 8, 1999 at Holiday Inn Fishkill.
- E. FF Larry Wilson: "Intermediate Rope Rescue", September 9 - 12, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- F. FF Augustus Antalek: "EMT Recertification", September 1999 - December 1999 at Beacon Volunteer Corp.
- G. FF Ginnie Ashline: "Paramedic", Fall 1999 in Troy.
- H. FF Gary Lewis: "Paramedic - Basic", Fall 1999 (tentatively 09-24-99), at Hudson Valley Community College.
- I. FF Keith Rutbell: "Paramedic Certificate Course", September 1999 - May 2000 at Hudson Valley Community College.
- J. Capt. Scott Wilsey: "North East Fire & EMS Showcase", November 5 - 7, 1999 at Atlantic City Convention Center.
- K. Lt. Sean Jackson: "North East Fire & EMS Showcase", November 5 - 7, 1999 at Atlantic City Convention Center.
- L. Lt. Rob Matragrano: "North East Fire & EMS Showcase", November 5 - 7, 1999 at Atlantic City Convention Center.
- M. Lt. Chuck Nelson: "North East Fire & EMS Showcase", November 5 - 7, 1999 at Atlantic City Convention Center.
- N. Lt. Lisa Nelson: "North East Fire & EMS Showcase", November 5 - 7, 1999 at Atlantic City Convention Center.
- O. Lt. Anton Varga: "North East Fire & EMS Showcase", November 5 - 7, 1999 at Atlantic City Convention Center.
- P. FF Annie Kuhhorn: "North East Fire & EMS Showcase", November 5 - 7, 1999 at Atlantic City Convention Center.
- Q. FF Stacey Sacco: "North East Fire & EMS Showcase", November 5 - 7,

1999 at Atlantic City Convention Center.

- R. FF Chris Sample: "North East Fire & EMS Showcase", November 5 - 7, 1999 at Atlantic City Convention Center.
- S. FF Gordon Yarema: "North East Fire & EMS Showcase", November 5 - 7, 1999 at Atlantic City Convention Center.
- T. FF Linda Yarema: "North East Fire & EMS Showcase", November 5 - 7, 1999 at Atlantic City Convention Center.
- Motion Carried.

VII. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

- A. Comm. Philipp
 - 1. Asked Attorney Comatos regarding if District can legally pay for dependents and spouses for District picnic.
 - Attorney Comatos stated that it can only be free for the volunteers. Comm. Philipp recommends that we don't run the picnic this year because he thinks that people won't pay the price per person to bring their spouses or guests.
 - Brian Mallet, President of Rochdale Fire Company stated that he thinks the picnics have been good for moral; believes that the Board is taking away something that the District has been doing for a long time, not going to help moral at all. Believes that no thought was put into it at all.
- A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. McCourt to cancel the Annual Inspection and Picnic for this year.
- Motion Carried.
- B. Comm. Chiumento - No Items.
- C. Comm. McCourt - No Items
- D. Comm Lahey - No Items.

VIII. CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS

- A. Chief John Hellmann
 - 1. Letter from New Hackensack Fire Department thanking AFD, including FF Fishwick, Lt. Ireland and crews for the mutual aid call at the fire at Ciro's Plaza on May 31, 1999.

B. Deputy Chief Pells

1. Rules and Regulations - will defer until Workshop meeting.
2. Smoking policy - Attorney Comatos' opinion is that leased areas are under control of the Districts No Smoking policy.
 - Comm. Chiumento suggested that revisions be made to the current smoking policy to reflect current law and be brought back to the Workshop meeting.
3. Purchase Order made with AAA for Thermal Image cameras. Vassar College will pick up the cost of one Thermal Image Camera.

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

- Motion Carried.

IX. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:40 p.m and returned to Open Session.

X. **MEMBERSHIPS**

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the following for District membership:

1. Nicole Jenkins, Station 1, FF/EMS
2. Ilse Taylor, Station 3, FF/EMS

- Motion Carried.

XI. **ABSTRACT 7A**

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. McCourt to approve Abstract 7A in the amount of \$ 44, 748.17, consisting of 97 transactions charged to 39 accounts.

- Motion Carried.

XII. **STAFFING AND PLACEMENT OF PERSONNEL IN DISTRICT**

Lengthy discussion regarding staffing and placement of personnel in the District. Some highlights include:

- A. Brian Couse, Station 3, - wanted clarification regarding rumors about substation in south end; Cambridge area.

Comm. Lahey stated that they are looking at different options including

commercial space availability that would be acceptable for short term fix to address issues and long term for building a substation in the district; looking for input

Comm. Chiumento discussed keeping volunteers strong and active but keep coverage. Brian stated that he hopes the Board makes a decision on the welfare of the community and not just of the convenience of the four companies.

- B. Vince Lopez, Station 3, - discussed Station 3 and Station 5 manning. Impact on volunteerism;
Comm. Chiumento stated that we need to man one station in the south end and one station in the north end, with career staff. Boardman Road is good for response time as the center of the district.
- C. Ed Madison, Career Staff, - thinks Board is on right tract for a sub station, stated that they need to think about the tax payers; ultimate goal is to have central station; need to work as a team.
- D. DC Pells - stated that Monday thru Friday from 5 - 7 need ambulances, on the other hours, looking for medics. Having more calls, and less volunteers. Need BLS; looking for a first response in the south end along with medical staff. Have to look at the residents, are they getting the service they are paying for?

To summarize, the Board members are available for opinions and ideas, and recommends that members go to the meetings. No decisions were made by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento that we adjourn at 10:50 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Gaddis
District Secretary

