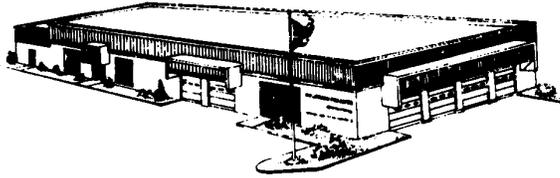


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## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONER'S MONTHLY MEETING July 26, 2006

### ATTENDEES:

Comm. Ralph Chiumento - Chairman  
Comm. Patrick Rose (arrived at 8:20 p.m.)  
Comm. Norman Comerford  
Comm. Ann Bollmann  
Comm. Kenneth Muckenhaupt

Attorney: Gerard Comatos (absent)  
Treasurer: James Passikoff (absent)  
Secretary: Renee O'Neill

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

I. Discussion on the cell tower proposal for ROM - deferred until Comm. Rose arrives.

II. Comm. Chiumento requested Comm. Bollmann and Comm. Muckenhaupt to review Abstract 7B.

### III. MINUTES

A. July 12, 2006 Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting

A motion was made by Comm. Comerford and seconded by Comm. Bollmann to approve the Minutes as printed.

- Motion Carried, 4-0.

### IV. MONTHLY REPORTS - *No reports given unless otherwise noted below*

- A. Buildings and Grounds - Comm. Rose
- B. Union Negotiations & Contract - Comm. Muckenhaupt & Comm. Chiumento
- C. Volunteer Liaison - Comm. Bollmann
- D. Service Awards - Comm. Chiumento

- E. Volunteer Recruitment - Comm. Muckenhaupt
- F. District Inspection - Chief Staff
- G. District Officers/Chief's Liaison - Comm. Comerford
- H. EMS & Paramedic Liaison - Comm. Bollmann
- I. Capital Equipment - Comm. Comerford & Comm. Muckenhaupt
- J. Equipment Maintenance - Comm. Rose
- K. Career Staff Liaison - Comm. Rose
- L. Substation - Comm. Comerford
  - 1. Contacted the architect regarding the substation and requested the original drawings. Hasn't heard back yet.
- M. Public Relations -Comm. Muckenhaupt
- N. Lease Committee - Comm. Muckenhaupt

V. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. An E-Mail thank you dated July 10, 2006 from Assistant EMS Director David Violante to EMS Captain Mike Hogan, FF Josh Brown and FF Chris Mills for their care for a patient on July 3, 2006 at a MVA on South Road. (The mother came in for paperwork and was saying wonderful things about them)
- B. Letter dated July 1, 2006 from Winifred Asprey, of 124 Raymond Ave, thanking FF Rich Muellerleile, FF Justin Drum and FF Jim Minunni for their assistance and prompt care. (Donation below)
  - Comm. Chiumento read the letter aloud, and thanked them for a job well done.

VI. **DONATIONS**

A motion was made by Comm. Comerford and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to turnover \$40 into the Car Seat Fund and 4/5ths of the total amount of \$510.00 to the four companies and 1/5th to the Union.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Stacey Sacco	Car Seat Installation
Stephanie Smith	Assistance Received
Winifred Asprey	Assistance Received

- Motion Carried, 4-0.

VII. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS** - *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

- A. Comm. Muckenhaupt
  - 1. Held a workshop at IBM regarding the re-engineering of our computer system with IBM. Meeting was attended by Chief Roberts, Tom Duderstadt, himself, his manager at IBM and another IT architect. Will present a package to the Board. Moving forward.

VIII. **CHIEFS / ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- A. Chief David Roberts, Sr.
  - 1. Submitted the following school requests
    - A. FF Rich Muellerleile: "NY Propane Gas Emergency Response Training", September 11 - 13, 2006 at Montour Falls.

- B. Lt. Bill Steenbergh: “Firehouse Las Vegas / EMS Expo”, September 26 - 30, 2006 at the Las Vegas Convention Center. (TIME OFF ONLY)

A motion was made by Comm. Comerford and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to approve the aforementioned school requests.

- Motion Carried, 4-0.

2. Received an invitation for himself and a guest to attend DeWitt Sagendorph’s retirement party and requesting Board approval to attend. Cost is \$50 per person.

A motion was made by Comm. Bollmann and seconded by Comm. Comerford to approve Chief Roberts to attend DeWitt’s retirement party.

- Motion Carried, 4-0.

3. Communication System - bids were received, requesting Board approval for CityWatch, cost is approximately \$20K to come out of the Chiefs Budget.

A motion was made by Comm. Bollmann and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to approve the CityWatch bid.

Comm. Chiumento asked if there was enough money in the budget to do this because he heard that there was not enough to cover school requests that were submitted. Chief Roberts then discussed his reasoning for the denial of school requests as noted below in #4.

AYES: Comm. Bollmann, Comm. Muckenhaupt  
NAYS: Comm. Comerford, Comm. Chiumento

- Motion Not Carried, 2-2-0.

4. School Requests - denied three requests to attend the Firehouse Las Vegas Expo, due to budgetary reasons. Only budgeted conferences for FDIC and IAFC through his budget lines. Chief Roberts read the following as his reasoning for him denying the requests:

*“I cannot approve your request to attend the Firehouse convention in Las Vegas in September. This year as Chief, I have allocated a significant portion of the Chief’s budget to Pinnacle Achievement to provide Leadership and Team training to selected members of the District throughout the year. Allocating these monies to Pinnacle Achievement has severely limited our ability to allow members to attend additional conferences other than FDIC and IAFC events”*

Comm. Chiumento stated due to the upcoming purchases of at least \$1 million on new equipment, he will be able to see hands on to compare the equipment The Board reviewed the budget lines and discussed to allow these three to attend the Las Vegas Firehouse Expo using the convention budget line (account #5411). Comm. Comerford stated to allow the rejection from Chief Roberts budget and use the convention budget line instead.

A motion was made by Comm. Comerford and seconded by Comm. Bollmann to approve FF Sean Jackson, FF Lisa Jackson and FF Ralph Chiumento to attend the Las Vegas Firehouse Expo using the convention budget line, (account #5411).

- Motion Carried, 4-0.

5. FYI - Camp Smith is permanently closing on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

6. Picnic plans are underway - requesting Board approval for \$650 for the DJ, for 5 ½ hours.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Bollmann to approve \$650 for the DJ.

- Motion Carried, 4-0.

7. Submitted a summary report on the vehicles that are to be decommissioned as requested by Comm. Comerford at the last meeting, then reviewed each one with the Board.

Lengthy Discussion with Mechanic Tarquinio and the Board. Comm. Comerford feels strongly about trying to sell these vehicles versus using them for training for the best interest of the taxpayer. Doesn't want to allocate them to the mechanics either for running around. Doesn't think we should add anymore vehicles to the fleet. Comm. Chiumento wanted to know how often the school vehicle is used during the week. Mechanic Tarquinio stated that during the summer is slow, but fall and winter is all the time. Mechanic Tarquinio stated that its more time saving and worthy to have a vehicle to do running around with instead of putting wear and tear on the gas vehicle.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to keep one of the vehicles (on the list) until Lt. Palcher's current vehicle is replaced with old 32-1. The remaining are to be sold. When Lt. Palcher's current 32-91 is replaced by 32-1, we will keep the old 32-91 and sell the remaining vehicle, from the list submitted to the Board.

AYES: Comm. Chiumento, Comm. Muckenhaupt, Comm. Bollmann

NAYS: Comm. Comerford

- Motion Carried, 3-1-0

8. Rope Supplies - requesting approval for \$3500 to purchase carabineers, descending devices and tethers to finish outfitting the rope rescue supplies. Will outfit 100 ropes.

A motion was made by Comm. Bollmann and seconded by Comm. Comerford to approve the \$3500 purchase of rope rescue supplies.

- Motion Carried, 4-0.

9. FYI - Hillside Parade in Rhinebeck on 07/29/06 at 4:00 p.m. AC Philipp will send out a memo.
10. Fund Raising Event for ROM needs approval to conduct a car wash on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m at ROM, accepting donations only, no charge for the car wash.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Bollmann to approve the fund raising event for ROM.

- Motion Carried, 4-0.

11. Three (3) Personnel Items for Executive Session.

Comm. Comerford asked Chief Roberts what was remaining in his equipment budget. Chief Roberts stated that he is about \$25K in and has \$26K in the pipeline. If the CityWatch proposal was accepted, he would have at least \$55K left. Since it was denied, has \$75K left.

B. Deputy Chief Jeff Pells (absent)

C. EMS Director John Kloepfer

1. Ambulance Disposition - Needs a decision from the Board on what they want to do. We are able to sell them at this point, but the vendor would charge \$15K more per ambulance if we sold them ourselves.

Lengthy discussion: Comm. Comerford wanted to know if we can legally pay the him more since the referendum was issued. Comm. Chiumento stated that is another issue. We could probably do another referendum, but need to check with Attorney Comatos. Also wants to know if we can hold the three ambulances back for private sale. Comm. Chiumento stated that we could, just take it out of the budget and put it back in when we sell it, but doesn't know if we could get \$15K each for them. Comm. Comerford feels that we can get a lot more selling them privately. Comm. Bollmann feels that we already initially made a commitment to the vendor about trading them in. Comm. Chiumento stated that we are already on a permissive, and to try to get \$45K from somewhere and also to get them into this budget is a tight time frame because we can't sell them until we get the new ones in November. They will want payment this year. The timing is his issue.

Comm. Rose arrived during the discussion at 8:20 p.m. Comm. Chiumento filled him on what the discussion was about and wanted his input.

Comm. Rose stated that we should trade them in because we don't have a great history on selling

vehicles outright and also mentioned that the other vehicles should be auctioned through the County because they do it for free.

A motion was made by Comm. Rose and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to trade in the ambulances and auction the other vehicles to be decommissioned.

AYES: Comm. Chiumento, Comm. Bollmann, Comm. Rose,  
Comm. Muckenhaupt

NAYS: Comm. Comerford

- Motion Carried, 4-1-0

2. Gerry Sliss requesting approval by the Board to be removed from Medical Leave.

A motion was made by Comm. Bollmann and seconded by Comm. Rose to approve the removal of medical leave for Gerry Sliss.

- Motion Carried, 5-0

3. Spackenkill Football Standbys - regarding the discussion from the last meeting about getting volunteer coverage for 5 ambulance standbys. Only was able to receive coverage for one standby.

Chief Roberts stated that since its Spackenkill School District, we should provide coverage for the many things that they do for us, if it means to hire career staff to cover the football games. Doesn't feel that they should have to hire Alamo. Comm. Bollmann agreed.

A motion was made by Comm. Rose and seconded by Comm. Bollmann to approve trying to get coverage by volunteers again for the other 4 games and if not, hire two career staff members back for four hours.

- Motion Carried, 4-0-1, Comm. Chiumento abstained.

- D. Assistant Chief Tony Alongi

1. One Personnel item for Executive Session.

- E. Assistant Chief Eric DelSanto (absent)
- F. Assistant Chief Kevin Finnigan (absent)
- G. Assistant Chief Eric Phillip(absent)
- H. Treasurer Jim Passikoff (absent)
- I. Attorney Gerard Comatos (absent)

- J. Business Manager Frank Borquist

1. Renovations started at HQ. Plans are as follows:

- A. Tomorrow - laying out the chalk line in the ambulance bay to be cut in the concrete.
- B. Friday - the architect will come here to make sure the lines are correct, its all around the confirmation of the double door. Doesn't want to tear down the

door and then have to wait three weeks for it.

**IX. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

- A. Local 2393 President Chip Grundon
1. Thanked the Board for the use of Station 3 for a successful Child Safety Day. Was able to donate \$1500 to the Skipper Initiative Fund.
- B. Car Seat Program Director FF Chris Quinby
1. Installed 69 car seats, gave away 17 at the Child Safety Day.
  2. Looking to do a car seat check in conjunction with ROM's fund raising event on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Needs approval tonight just in case, but its not definite yet, needs to hear back from Larry Sliss.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Bollmann to approve the child safety seat event at ROM on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

- Motion Carried, 5-0.

**X. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS - *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted***

- A. Comm. Rose
1. The final walkthrough is scheduled for next week at ROM.
  2. Cell Tower Proposal - Chief Roberts and himself met with Vieh Diep and put a balloon up to 105 feet. Cannot see it. The land that they want to put it on, the District does not own. ROM is toying with the idea of selling the property to the District or to a developer. They could obtain the cell tower and it could have rent coming in. Its up to the company. He sees no issues with the tower itself. A total of four carriers can rent.

With no further open items to discuss, a motion was made by Comm. Comerford and seconded by Comm. Rose to take a five minute break and then adjourn to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

- Motion Carried, 5-0.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:55 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

**XII. OPEN ITEMS**

A motion was made by Comm. Comerford and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to approve the contract as submitted (between Local 2393 and Arlington Fire District).

- Motion Carried, 4-0-1, Comm. Rose abstained.

A motion was made by Comm. Comerford and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to accept a preliminary approval for \$4000 for the Captain office and up to \$8500 for the air

conditioning at ROM.

- Motion Carried, 5-0

**XIII. ABSTRACT**

A motion was made by Comm. Bollmann and seconded by Comm. Comerford to approve Abstract 7B in the amount of paid bills of \$7,928.44 and unpaid bills in the amount of \$165,732.35, for a total of \$173,660.79 consisting of 65 transactions.

- Motion Carried, 5-0

Comm. Chiumento asked Chief Roberts if he wanted to bring up CityWatch again since Comm. Rose arrived. Comm. Rose wants to meet with him first.

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

- Motion Carried, 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O'Neill  
Fire District Secretary