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Arlington Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MONTHLY MEETING September 14, 1999

ATTENDEES:

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

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

Chairman Lahey opened the meeting of the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

I. Comm. Lahey requested Comm. Richardson and Comm. Philipp to review Abstract 9A.

II. MINUTES

- A. August 25, 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 - August 1999
- B. Fire District Affairs - August 1999
- C. Training Report - August 1999

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. List of deceased members from Arlington Professional Firefighters Association, received September 9, 1999.
- B. Memo dated September 7, 1999 from Chief Hellmann to All District Personnel regarding 3298 Vehicle ID's.
- C. List of deceased members from Croft Corners Fire Company, received August 31, 1999.
- D. Memo dated August 31, 1999 from Chief Hellmann to All District Personnel regarding suspicious fires.
- E. Memo dated August 27, 1999 from Chief Hellmann to All District Personnel stating that the Silent Running Policy will not be implemented on September 1, 1999.

V. **PERSONNEL**

- A. A report, received September 14, 1999, to the Board from EMS Director Kloepfer regarding the Assistant EMS Director position.
- B. Change of Status received September 2, 1999 for Timothy Anson, Station 5 - Add EMS.
- C. Letter dated August 30, 1999 from Local 2393 listing the officers and trustees for the remainder of 1999.
- D. Letter dated August 30, 1999 from Local 2393 stating that FF Keith Rutbell has been appointed Vice President.

VI. **DONATIONS**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
The Knapp's	In Memory of Doug Anson	\$20. 00
The Manzi's	In Memory of	\$50. 00

Doug Anson

Judy Perlman

In Memory of
Doug Anson

\$10. 00

- Motion Carried.

VII. **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: "MCTO Series", September 20 - 24, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- B. FF Dan Murray: "Auto Mechanics: Module B", September 23, 1999 to December 9, 1999 at DC Boces.
- C. FF Lou Cassinelli: "Codes 43", September 27-30, 1999 at AFD Station 3.
- D. Bookkeeper Debbie Miliambro: "Quickbooks", October 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 1999 at Dutchess Community College.
- E. FF Lou Cassinelli: "Advanced Trench Collapse", October 9 - 10, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- F. FF William Horton: "Advanced Trench Collapse", October 9 - 10, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- G. FF Chris Quinby: "ACLS Refresher", October 15, 1999 at St. Francis Hospital.
- H. FF Pete Davis: "NYS EMS Conference: Vital Signs", November 12-14, 1999 in Saratoga Springs.
(Note: Reimbursement will be allowed for class tuition, meals, and mileage. Time off will be use of own time, as per DC Pells.)
- I. EMT Betsy Saul: "NYS EMS Conference: Vital Signs", November 12 - 14, 1999 in Saratoga Springs.
- J. Lt. Rick Andersen: "Fire Service Instructor II", December 6 - 9, 1999 at Montour Falls.

- Motion Carried.

VIII. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

- A. Chairman Lahey - No Items.
- B. Comm. McCourt
 - 1. Status of 32-73 at HQ.
 - DC Pells stated for the first two weeks it was used twice. There were 26 calls in 5's area (EMS/Fire)
 - Comm. Chiumento questioned the overtime costs. DC Pells stated that he will talk to OT Chairman.
- C. Comm. Richardson
 - 1. Wants to make a proposal to actively pursue a recruiting campaign for fall. Suggested to Board that we have an open house for all four houses on the same night for informational purposes to recruit volunteers with advertisements on TV, newspapers, radio, posters, handouts, etc.
 - Larry Rosen stated that is a good idea, but other issues need to be discussed.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to research using the preliminary cost of \$2, 000 for possibility of a full blown recruitment, i.e. TV, newspapers, etc.

- Motion Carried.

- 2. Spoke to Carl Davidson regarding getting two engines and ambulance in service at Croft. Has not heard from him regarding time frame for repairs. The insurance agent contacted the insurance carrier and concern is keeping unprotected equipment outside. Discussion regarding fencing.

D. Comm. Chiumento - No Items.

E. Comm. Philipp

- 1. Croft Corners approached him regarding getting door raised to meet the same height as truck bay, \$1600 additional. Asked if the District would pay for half. Discussion if its necessary.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Richardson that we are willing to suspend up to \$800 to raise the door as the same as the truck bay while construction is being done.

Comm. Philipp - "Aye"

Comm. Richardson - "Aye"

Comm. Chiumento - "Abstain"

Comm. McCourt - "Abstain"

Comm. Lahey - "Aye"

- Motion Carried.

IX.

CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS

A. Chief Hellmann - No Items.

B. Deputy Chief Pells

1. Rules and Regulations - Will discuss later.
2. Drill held today for thermal image cameras along with other districts. Media was covered. Vassar College presented check for the one thermal camera.
3. Update on Properties:
Long term: Boardman Road / Poughkeepsie Day School area: No longer available, baseball fields planned. Assisted living area: no available property.
Short term: 730 building, architect took a look at building, will get drawings, and cost estimates. Avis building - rough letter into corporate Avis regarding leasing proposal; Approximately \$2K/month.

X.

ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Treasurer Jim Passikoff

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the 2000 operating budget for the Arlington Fire District as follows:

Total Budget: \$5, 911, 520.00

To be raised by real estate taxes: \$5, 836, 520.00

Poll of the Board:

Comm. Lahey	"Yes"
Comm. Richardson	"Yes"
Comm. Philipp	"Yes"
Comm. Chiumento	"Yes"
Comm. McCourt	"Yes"

- Motion Carried.

This is a \$276,850 increase over last year, 4.9796% increase, tentative rate per thousand is \$3.68.

B. EMS Director John Kloefer

1. Flu shots are being offered again by The WorkPlace, \$1.00 increase from last year.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the flu shots offered by The WorkPlace to the career and volunteer staffs.

- Motion Carried.

2. Resolution needs passing.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that the position of Assistant Director of Emergency Medical Services is hereby established pursuant to Town Law, Section 176 (11-C); and it its further

RESOLVED that the powers and duties of the Assistant Director of Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) shall be those powers and duties specified in Exhibit A annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Administrative and Firematic/EMS Chains of Command as between the volunteer and career firefighters in the Arlington Fire District shall be set forth in Exhibit B annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and it is further

RESOLVED that in the absence of the Director of Emergency Medical Services the Assistant Director of Emergency Medical Services shall have charge of all EMS related apparatus, equipment, goods, and appurtenances, and all EMS records; and it is further

RESOLVED that all career and volunteer firefighters and officers, with the exceptions of the Chief, Deputy Chief, and the Director of Emergency Medical Services, shall act under the orders and control of the Assistant Director of Emergency Services in all areas of emergency medical service.

A motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. Richardson to pass the aforementioned Resolution.

- Motion Carried.

D. Director of Volunteer Recruitment Larry Rosen

1. Applications to be approved:

A. Ryan Madison - FF, station 4

B. Sarah Hansen - FF/EMS, station 3

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the aforementioned members for the Arlington Fire District.

- Motion Carried.

2. Items for Executive Session.

E. Lt. Jeff Karn

1. Questioned the billing and Mutual Aid

- Comm. Lahey clarified by stating that we do not supply ALS Mutual Aid to Alamo or City of Poughkeepsie. When they come in here and provide an ALS ambulance and if they transport the patient, they will bill the patient. If they don't transport they will still bill the patient, but they can't bill the insurance companies, medicare, medicaid or no fault. It has been the policy of the Board that we don't want those bills going to individual taxpayers, we would accept that as a cost for this setup.

A motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. Chiumento that we adjourn to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:43 p.m and returned to Open Session.

XII. **ABSTRACT 9A**

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve Abstract 9A in the amount of \$91, 597.65, consisting of 207 transactions charged to 49 accounts.

- Motion Carried.

Comm. Richardson added that he wants to consider Carl Davidson for the responsible person for the recruitment campaign. Temporary position. Comm. McCourt has not thought of any person yet.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp that we adjourn at 9:46 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Renee Gaddis
District Secretary