

Arlington Fire District

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**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS'
WORKSHOP MEETING
September 24, 2003**

- ATTENDEES:
- Comm. Elizabeth Bomba - Chairperson
 - Comm. Paul Lahey (arrived at 7:38 pm)
 - Comm. Ralph Chiumento
 - Comm. Karen Pells
 - Comm. Patrick Rose

 - Attorney: Gerard Comatos (arrived 7:35 pm)
 - Treasurer: James Passikoff (absent)
 - Secretary: Renée O'Neill (absent)
 - Acting Secretary: Carol Schmitt

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

I. Comm. Bomba requested Comm. Pells and Comm. Bomba to review Abstract 9B.

II. **MINUTES**

A. September 9, 2003 Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting.
A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Rose to approve the Minutes as printed.

- Motion Carried.

III. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- No reports given unless otherwise noted.
- A. Service Awards- Comm. Chiumento
- B. District Inspections - Chiefs

- C. District Officers/Chief Liaison - Comm. Lahey
- D. Sub Station - Comm. Rose & Comm. Chiumento
 - 1. Boardman Road - Comm. Rose will be meeting with Mauri and Chazen.
- E. EMS & Paramedic Liaison - Comm. Bomba
- F. Public Relations- Comm. Lahey & Comm. Rose
- G. Equipment Maintenance - Comm. Rose
- H. Building & Grounds- Comm. Rose
- I. Capital Equipment - Comm. Chiumento
- J. Union Negotiations & Contract - Comm. Bomba
- K. Career Staff Liaison - Comm. Pells
- L. Volunteer Recruitment - Comm. Pells
- M.. Volunteer Liaison - Comm. Chiumento
 - 1. Comm. Bomba asked if we have any volunteers to man October 11th at Adam's, as discussed at last meeting.
 - DC Pells stated that Chief Alongi was taking care of it.

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Letter dated September 4, 2003 from Cheryl Letus thanking AFD for saving her son's life when he was in a car accident on July 1, 2003. (Noted in Letter: Chief Alongi, FF Antalek, FF Lewis, Joe Carrube, Joe Lawrence, Antonio Peixoto, Aleksander Zagajewski, Jeff Tryon) (*Copies put in each personnel file*)
- B. Letter dated September 8, 2003 from the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department thanking Lt. Karn, FF Davidson, FF Bedell, FF Lewis, FF Dougherty, FF Lopez, FF Tuttle, and FF Reggie Brown for responding to the call on August 30, 2003 on Ziegler Avenue. (*Copies put in each personnel file*)
- C. E-mail dated September 17th from Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton regarding concerns over termination of counseling and mental health services through Project Liberty since September 11th and trying to allow these services to continue.
- D. Received *Fire District Affairs - August 2003*.

V. **DONATIONS**

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Pells to turn over the total donation amount of \$ 225.00 to the Four Company Fund.

NAME

REASON

Susan Hayes

In Memory of William V. Cannon

The Niznik's

In Memory of Sarah Niznik

Michele Darby

In Memory of 9/11

- Motion Carried.

VI.

PERSONNEL

A. Letter dated September 10, 2003 from DC Pells to all career firefighters regarding CME's and request of benefit time. *(All requests of pay or compensation time as a result of CME's must be accompanied by appropriate paperwork).*

VII.

SCHOOL REQUESTS

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to accept the attendance of the following members to the schools/seminars listed:

- A. FF Keith Rutbell: "ACLS For Experienced Provider", September 24 - 26, 2003 at DCC South.
- B. Paul Speedling: "Basic Structural Collapse", October 2 - 3, 2003 at Camp Smith.
- C. Bookkeeper Carol Schmitt: "Retirement Reporting Seminar", October 7, 2003 in Kingston.
- D. Paul Speedling: "Medium Construction Related Building Failure", October 9 - 10, 2003 at Camp Smith.
- E. Paul Speedling: "Medium Structural Collapse Operations: Tools", October 11 - 12, 2003 at Camp Smith.
- F. FF Lou Cassinelli: "Haz Mat Technician Refresher", October 20 - 24, 2003 at DC Training Center. (Time Off Only)
- G. FF Ken Davidson: "Haz Mat Technician Refresher", October 20 - 24, 2003 at DC Training Center. (Time Off Only)
- H. MTO/Lt Rick Andersen: "On Scene Rehab for Emergency Responders", October 25 - 26, 2003 at Camp Smith. (Already approved April 8, 2003 to take the May class but was canceled)
- I. Paul Speedling: "On Scene Rehab for Emergency Ops", October 25 - 26,

2003 at Camp Smith.

- Motion Carried.

VIII. **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**
BOARD OF ELECTIONS APPOINTMENTS

Resolve that the Annual Fire District Elections take place on December 9, 2003 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. with polling places at the Red Oaks Mill Fire House, 213 Vassar Road for Wards 1, 2, and 5, and at District Headquarters, 11 Burnett Boulevard for Wards 3, 4, and 6.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Candidate shall submit a petition setting forth their desired candidacy, subscribed by twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the Arlington Fire District, to the Secretary of the District, no later than November 19, 2003.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Election Inspectors be compensated in the amount of \$35. 00 for their services and attendance at the annual election:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in case of any of the members appointed herein are unable to assume or perform the duties required of them, this Board of Fire Commissioners will appoint alternates who are resident electors:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if clerical help is deemed necessary, this Board of Fire Commissioners will consider the appointment of such clerical persons upon request of the Chairman of the Fire District Board of Elections.

Chairman:	<u>William M. Doyle</u>	Election Inspector:	<u>Candace Ireland</u>
Election Inspector:	<u>Pam Tompkins</u>	Election Inspector:	<u>Ellen Rogers</u>
Election Inspector:	<u>Gerald W. Thurman</u>	Election Inspector:	<u>Kelly Doyle</u>
Election Inspector:	<u>Judy Graham</u>	Election Inspector:	<u>Raymond F. Ball</u>
Election Inspector:	<u>Elizabeth Saul</u>	Alternate Election Inspector:	<u>Patrick. G. McDonald</u>

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Lahey to accept the Board of Elections Appointments.

- Motion Carried.

IX.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

Discussion on the Fund Raising Event Law, Comm. Bomba gave the law to Attorney Comatos for review, to be discussed in Executive Session

A. Comm. Bomba

1. One (1) Personnel Item For Executive Session

B. Comm. Lahey - No Items.

C. Comm. Chiumento

1. Notifying the Board and requesting approval for Croft Corners to have a direct mail solicitation Fund Raising Event in October 2003 for the Croft Corners area. Comm. Chiumento is the Chairman and President Ken Rhodes' signature will be on the letters.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Rose to approve the mail fund raising event for Croft Corners.

- Motion Carried.

D. Comm. Pells - No Items.

E. Comm. Rose - One (1) Item for Executive Session

X.

CHIEFS / ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Deputy Chief Jeff Pells

1. Need a contact for Beacon Correctional Facility.
2. Health Insurance rate increases - 14% HMO, 9% PPO, 23% Dental
3. Vehicle Depreciation Rate - Equipment Replacement Plan, submitted information and spreadsheets to the Board for review.
4. T-Mobile, setting up a computer site on 4 Raymond Avenue - Agreed if any interference with equipment, they will take care of situation, including shutting down.
- DC Pells stated it should be ok, with the fire frequencies we use.
5. Two (2) Personnel Items for Executive Session.

B. Assistant Chief John Richardson

1. Advising the Board, re: Cutting Alarm Responses; Chiefs Council is looking at a plan for a major overhaul of apparatus response to the different parts of the Town. Looking it over now, implementing with the County and CAD System in October

- C. Assistant Chief Dave Roberts
1. October 8, 2003 - Special Chiefs Council Meeting, to discuss past issues.

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

- Motion Carried.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m and returned to Open Session.

XII. **ABSTRACT**

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Bomba to approve Abstract 9B in the amount of \$127,158.55, consisting of 74 transactions.

- Motion Carried.

XIII. **OPEN BUSINESS**

DC Pells reviewed Intersection Guidelines and recommendations by Attorney Comatos.

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Rose to accept the Response Guidelines.

- Motion Carried.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Rose and seconded by Comm. Pells that we adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Schmitt
Acting District Secretary