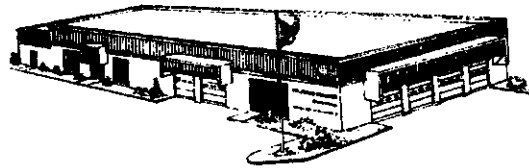


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# Arlington Fire District

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12603

## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY MEETING September 29, 2009

ATTENDEES:

- Comm. Patrick Rose, Chairman
- Comm. Ann Bollmann
- Comm. Kenneth Muckenhaupt
- Comm. Kris Duderstadt
- Comm. Ralph Chiumento (absent)

- Attorney: Richard J. Olson (absent)
- Treasurer: James Passikoff
- Business Manager: Frank Borquist
- Secretary: Renee O'Neill

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

I. Comm. Rose requested Comm. Muckenhaupt and Comm. Bollmann to review Abstract 9B.

### II. MINUTES

#### A. September 14, 2009 Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting

1. Comm. Duderstadt stated that she wanted a correction to her statement on the purchasing of engines (IX. Chiefs / Administrative Items - Deputy Chief Pells items, under section number 4, first sentence) to state the following:

"Comm. Duderstadt wanted it clarified that they were going to buy one pumper and one rescue now and deferred a third pumper, but instead buying all three now to save money."

2. Abstract 9A needs to be re-approved by the Commissioners to reflect the correct amount of \$222,452.02. At the last meeting, only the paid bills were read, but the total number of 99 transactions that were approved, totaled the unpaid and paid bills.

A motion was made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Duderstadt

to approve the Minutes as amended.

- Motion Carried, 4 - 0

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

A. Service Awards - Comm. Muckenhaupt

B. District Inspections - Comm. Duderstadt

1. Comm. Duderstadt stated that the District Inspection went great. Thanked everyone. Will get the scores together and send out a note. Going to be sticking with only doing one inspection per year.

Comm. Rose stated it was a pleasure to do the inspection this year. The equipment was in great shape. DC Pells stated that we should send a letter to the agencies thanking them.

Comm. Duderstadt stated that she wants to incorporate the scoring into that letter and will try to get it out the end of this week.

C. District Officers / Chief Liaison - Comm. Chiumento

D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison - Comm. Bollmann

E. Public Relations - Comm. Duderstadt

F. Equipment Maintenance - Comm. Rose

G. Buildings and Grounds - Comm. Rose

1. Comm. Rose asked Business Manager Borquist the status of the cost for removal of the underground tanks at Station 3.

Frank stated he only received one price at approximately \$30K. There is no time frame for the DEC to dig it out. He incorporated this into next years budget.

H. Capital Equipment - Comm. Chiumento

I. Union Negotiations & Contract - Comm. Muckenhaupt

1. Comm. Duderstadt stated that the Union Workshop on Employee Evaluations training was held. Excellent turnout. Thanked DC Pells for paving the way. Held a candid discussion on how to do the evaluations. Looking for more feedback. Implementation in 2010.

Lt. Antalek stated some members went into the meeting with a reservation on how it was going to be and came out with positive remarks.

J. Career Staff Liaison - Comm. Rose

K. Volunteer Recruitment - Comm. Bollmann

L. Volunteer Liaison - Comm. Chiumento

M. District Safety & Health - Comm. Bollmann

1. Comm. Bollmann stated that a Safety and Health meeting was held, chaired by AC Frank Carlon. Hoping to get together with members of the Union to see where they are and what is going on in each of the houses. Need to focus on a good direction on safety and health issues.

- N. Strategic Plan - Comm. Duderstadt
1. Working on a note to send out. The meeting that was scheduled for next week for the work committees will be held off. Will be taking small sub committees to work out action plans. Able to focus better.

IV. **PERSONNEL**

- A. Letter dated September 17, 2009 from John Forrest, resigning as a member of Rochdale Fire Company and the Arlington Fire District due to business and school commitments.
- B. E-mail dated September 24, 2009 from Paul Speedling, Recording Secretary of Red Oaks Mill Fire Company stating that Tanya Jones has resigned as a member of Station 3 effective September 1<sup>st</sup>.  
EMS Director stated that she has transferred to Engine Co. #1. This was discussed at a past BOFC meeting. She needed to resign from Station 3 because she couldn't belong to two different companies.

V. **DONATIONS**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Patricia Zitz	Assistance Rec'd

A motion was made by Comm. Duderstadt and seconded by Comm. Bollmann to turnover the total amount of \$100.00 in donations to the five company fund.

- Motion Carried, 4 - 0

VI. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

The following members have been approved by the Chief to attend the following classes / seminars that are In County courses:

- A. FF Michael Bohack: "Haz Mat Refresher", September 14 - 18, 2009 at DC 911.
- B. FF Tim Jones: "Pump Operations", September 21, 2009 at HQ.

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

- A. Chief Dave Roberts, Sr.: "VCOS Symposium in the Sun", November 5 - 8, 2009 in Clearwater Beach, FL.
- B. "NYS Fire Investigation / Arson Seminar", November 4 - 6, 2009 at Montour Falls.
1. Lt. John Palcher
  2. FF Victor Zamaloff
- C. Lt. John Palcher: "ICC Codes Development Hearings", October 27 - 29, 2009 in Baltimore, MD.
- D. Lt. John Palcher: "NYS Fire Marshals and Inspectors Seminar", October 19 - 22, 2009 at Montour Falls.

A motion was made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Duderstadt to approve school requests A - D.

- Motion Carried, 4 - 0

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

A. Comm. Duderstadt

1. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session.

B. Comm. Rose

1. One (1) Contractual Item for Executive Session
2. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session.

VIII. **CHIEFS / ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

A. Chief David Roberts, Sr. (absent)

B. Deputy Chief Jeff Pells

1. Target Safety Online Training - Next Commissioners meeting will provide the layout for approval to be in effect January 2010. We need to take a stance on use of our e-mail system. Prefers that they use our e-mail system so we can check to see if they are using it.

Comm. Rose suggested discussing it at a District Meeting so everyone is informed. AC Richardson stated that it needs to be pushed by the other Assistant Chiefs. Station 3 and Station 5 have positive feedback on it.

2. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session.

C. Assistant Chief Kevin Finnigan (absent)

D. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp (absent)

E. Assistant Chief Frank Carlon (absent)

F. Assistant Chief John Richardson

1. AFD's 1<sup>st</sup> Responder class is set in the next couple of weeks. Has two new recruits and requesting that they take this to push them through and not lose them. They are company approved, but not BOFC approved yet.

Comm. Rose stated that he understands that this will help maintain them, but if an injury occurs, they will not be covered. Told him to wait.

G. EMS Director John Kloepfer

1. Melinda Gallo, Engine Co. #1 requesting to go back on medical leave. This is effective today and is open ended at this point.

2. Spackenkill HS Football Standby - there is no coverage for this weekend. Does the BOFC want to hire career staff?

Comm. Rose stated to contact Ralph to let him know that they need to get their own coverage. We cover what we can. AC Richardson stated that he will ask members at Station 3.

- H. Attorney Richard Olson (absent)
- I. Treasurer Jim Passikoff - No Items.
- J. Business Manager Frank Borquist
  - 1. Training tables and chairs have been ordered.
  - 2. Career staff uniforms are in and being distributed.
  - 3. Looking at fuel oil - currently at approximately \$2.40 / gallon.

IX. **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

- A. Doreen Tignanelli - 29 Colburn Drive
  - 1. Read a letter with her comments; attached to end of minutes.
- B. James Beretta - 29 Colburn Drive
  - 1. Read a letter with his comments; attached to end of minutes.
- C. Bob Casement
  - 1. Seconded the comments made by James Beretta.
  - 2. Wants to know why there are so many Chief or SUV cars.
- D. Peter Valdez - Tom's Way
  - 1. Wants to followup on the status of consolidation / shared services; billing for ambulance for services
  - 2. Has the Town been involved with the Fire District on the needs?
  - 3. Wanted to compliment the Professional Firefighters on their website; The Arlington website - afd.org is not user friendly and is not up to par.
  - 4. Has a mailer gone out for recruitment?
  - 5. Asked Treasurer Passikoff about the Not for Profit ambulance with Fairview.

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

- A. Comm. Rose
  - 1. Thanked the taxpayers for coming to the meeting, voicing their opinions and we will take everything under advisement.

With no further open items to discuss, a motion was made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Bollmann to take a five minute break at 8:25 p.m. and then adjourn to Executive Session.

- Motion Carried, 4 - 0

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:59 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

XII. **ABSTRACT**

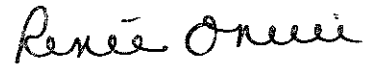
A motion was made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Bollmann to approve abstract 9B in the amount of \$228,459.65, consisting of 53 transactions.

- Motion Carried, 3 - 0 - 1 (Comm. Duderstadt abstained)

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Duderstadt and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt that we adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

- Motion Carried, 4 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,



Renee O'Neill  
Fire District Secretary

September 29, 2009

Memo to: AFD Board of Fire Commissioners  
11 Burnett Boulevard  
Poughkeepsie NY 12603

Subject: Public Comment, September 29, 2009  
AFD Board of Fire Commissioners Monthly Meeting

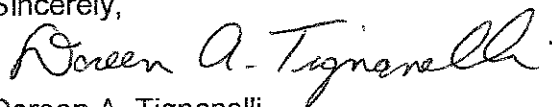
I offer, for the record the following public comment:

1) On September 8, 2009, Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Patricia Myers, based on a request from Town Board members, sent a letter to Commissioner Rose. The supervisor offered the options of using Town Hall for Fire District meetings or using Town Hall video equipment to videotape meetings at the firehouse. These options would allow the monthly fire commissioners meetings to be broadcast on the town's municipal channel, keeping the public informed. Has this letter been discussed by the AFD Board of Fire Commissioners? Will a response be sent to Supervisor Myers?

2) What is the estimated 2009 Fund Balance? What will that balance be applied to? Will it be used to provide relief to the taxpayers in 2010 budget?

3) Agenda item IX, School Requests, states approval is needed by the Board of Fire Commissioners for Chief Roberts to attend Symposium in the Sun, November 5-8, 2009 in Clearwater Beach, Florida with expenses of \$330 Course, Hotel \$175 per night, \$50/day for meals. While the conference runs from Nov. 5 -8, it is not clear how many nights of hotel expenses will be incurred. Total amount of approved expenses, with breakdown, should be provided. According to August 10, 2009 minutes, two fire commissioners are also scheduled to attend this same symposium. Who approves travel by commissioners? How many people, in total, will be attending this conference? This is not a necessity and is additional controllable expenses be passed to the taxpayers. One person, perhaps someone in the line of duty such as the Chief, should attend and provide a briefing on their return.

Sincerely,



Doreen A. Tignanelli  
29 Colburn Drive  
Poughkeepsie NY 12603

cc: Poughkeepsie Town Board

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**Public Comment about 2010 Proposed Budget**

My comments are directed at the 2010 Arlington Fire District (AFD) budget. I would like the following public comments to be entered into the official record.

Budget comments:

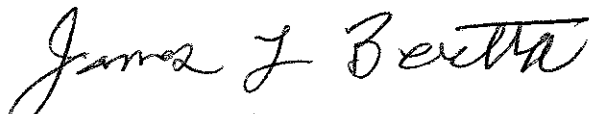
1. The proposed 2010 increase of approximately \$1.4 million over last year's (2009) budget, nearly a 10% increase, does not show the proper level of fiscal constraints. It is simply not responsible at a time when the news constantly reminds us of recession; job losses; mortgage foreclosures; and that most working people are having to do with less; that we will all see increases in State taxes and fees; and Sr. Citizens will not get an increase in Social Security.
2. From 2005 to 2010, the budget has increased from \$9.3 million to the \$15.5 million (proposed) budget. This is an increase of 66.6% over five years, or an average of 13.3% per year, which is not responsible or reasonable.
3. The increases in Medical Insurance of \$754,500 (+36%) and New York State Fireman's Pension of \$150,000 (+11%) is an understandable burden and may be to a large degree uncontrollable. However, the AFD needs to manage these increases and not just pass them directly to the home owners and taxpayers.



4. The increase of \$397,400 (+5%) in Salaries – is a controllable expense. A 5% increase seems excessive in a recession.
  
5. The Overtime budget of \$2 million seems excessive and unjustified based on the actual 2008 overtime total that was about \$1.363 million. The straight-line projected 2009 overtime total, that I did, is about \$1.455 million – based on January 1 to September 2 actuals (8 full months). Why should the 2010 overtime have grown over \$600,000 (~32%) in two years?

It is the responsibility of AFD to find ways to manage the budget to a lower yearly increase and to hold the budget nearly flat in tough economic years.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

  
James L. Beretta