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## Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard  
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

### BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' WORKSHOP MEETING September 29, 1999

#### ATTENDEES:

Comm. Paul Lahey, Chairman  
Comm. Ralph Chiumento (arrived 7:35 p.m.)  
Comm. Gerard Philipp  
Comm. William McCourt  
Comm. John Richardson

Attorney: Gerard Comatos  
Treasurer: James Passikoff (arrived at 7:42 p.m.)  
Secretary: Renee Gaddis

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

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

Comm. Lahey turned the meeting over to Ms. Johanna Stech, a resident of the Arlington Fire District at 7:34 p.m.

- II **GUEST** - Ms. Johanna Stech of 13 Mainetti Drive spoke on her concerns of the response times at the Red Oaks Mill Fire House at night and lack of coverage.

Lengthy discussion with Ms. Stech and the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Board informed her that there are paid men and women at night around the clock, she did not know this. Comm. Chiumento stated that an eight minute response time is fairly good for a volunteer response. Career staff are always responding at night along with volunteers. Another concern she had was Fund Drives. Comm. Lahey stated that the Board has no control of Fund Drives involving volunteers and the Union. They are there own separate entity.

The Workshop meeting resumed at 8:17 p.m.

### III. **MINUTES**

- A. September 14, 1999 Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting.  
A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. McCourt to approve the Minutes as printed.

- Motion Carried.

### IV. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- A. Fire District Affairs - September 1999
- B. Inspectors Report - August 1999

### V. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Check dated September 21, 1999 from Village of Rhinebeck for damages to 32-4, to be deposited in FF Tarquinio's account.
- B. Letters from Kaiser Permanente regarding health coverage.
- C. Memo dated September 24, 1999 from Chief Hellmann to All District Personnel thanking them for the Hurricane Floyd stand-by.
- D. Memo dated September 22, 1999 from the Board of Fire Commissioners to All Personnel regarding the No Smoking Policy.

- DC Pells stated that signs are being done.

### VI. **PERSONNEL**

- A. Letter to Chairman Lahey dated September 28, 1999 from the Chief's Officers regarding the Chief's Meeting.
- B. Letter dated September 24, 1999 from Richard Lewis, Service Award Administrator, Station 5, regarding the Service Award document.

### VII. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

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

- A. Deputy Chief Jeff Pells: "Basic Structural Collapse", September 27, 1999 at Poughkeepsie FD Headquarters.
- B. Lt. Dave Walsh: "Basic Structural Collapse", September 27, 1999 at Poughkeepsie FD Headquarters.
- C. FF Francis Cross: "American Heart: ACLS", October 15-16, 1999 at Saint

Francis Hospital.

D. FF Francis Cross: "Trauma Education", November 3, 1999 at Casperkill Country Club.

- Motion Carried.

VIII. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

A. Chairman Lahey - One Item for Executive Session.

B. Comm. McCourt

1. Bids for Station 3 will be opened tomorrow, for steel work, windows, energy efficiency of building, to bring some things back to code.

C. Comm. Richardson

1. Status of substations
  - DC Pells stated that he has been working with the architect on preliminary figures for renovating the 730 bldg. Avis Corporation looks very promising. Spoke with Al Cervone on the monthly rent for the Avis building, approximately \$2,000.00 per month.
2. Prices on generators
  - DC Pells stated that he does not recall being asked to get prices, stated that Station 4 already has one, Station 3 is set also. Will look for something more fixed than portable.

3. Personnel Items for Executive Session.

D. Comm. Chiumento - No Items.

E. Comm. Philipp

1. Questioned why a medic responded mutual aid to the City.
  - Comm. Richardson stated that it should not have happened. Comm. Chiumento stated that they were not dispatched, stop using it as a fly car. Comm. Chiumento stated the he would like to save the Arlington Ambulance for the taxpayers and send something else. Realizes that this can't always happen.

IX. **CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS**

A. Chief John Hellmann

1. Meeting on Monday for new engine, will get specs prepared and bring back to Board to go out for bid.
2. Letter received from Chief Tuttle who received a letter from DeWitt Sagendorph regarding the fire at Bower Road; thanking for mutual aid from Station 4.

B. Deputy Chief Pells

1. Was approached by a women for youth resources, she wanted to know about “internship” for one of their members who needs guidance. Would be covered under Worker’s Compensation.
  - Comm. Lahey stated that he would like to set up a meeting with her and the member at the October meeting. Will approve it or deny it at that time.

2. Rules and Regulations.

X. **ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

A. EMS Director John Kloepper

1. One Item for Executive Session.

B. John Montross, Station 4

1. Membership concerns and recruitment

Lengthy discussion regarding recruitment with Larry Rosen and how to improve the recruitment process. Larry presented Board with a copy of Recruitment activity since 1994. Suggestions include: Comm. Philipp stated that at the same time they post the application, make a copy and get the application to the Board immediately, meanwhile, company can do a background check, and the Board can get it back so the company can vote on it. Comm. Lahey suggests that the background check be done first.

C. Brian Mallet, Station 4

1. Wanted to know if there was a line drawn somewhere to joining.
  - Board said no. Comm. Richardson stated that unless otherwise specified, the applicant should be place at the fund raising company to which they live.

D. Dick Lewis, Station 5

1. Needs correct by-law wording for Service Award document. Comm. Chiumento stated that he will help him

with the correct wording. It will be finalized and brought back to the Board for approval.

- E. Local 2393 President Monaco
  - 1. One Item for Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. Philipp that we adjourn to Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:15 p.m and returned to Open Session.

XII. **ABSTRACT 9B**

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to approve Abstract 9B in the amount of \$89,627.77, consisting of 115 transactions charged to 47 accounts.

- Motion Carried.

XIII. **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVE, that the purchase of an emergency response vehicle and related equipment and accessories for a maximum estimated cost of \$75, 000.00 to be financed by the withdrawal of not more than \$75, 000.00 from the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund of the Arlington Fire District is hereby authorized.

The foregoing resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the aforementioned resolution.

- Motion Carried.

Comm. Lahey stated that Attorney Comatos will submit to the newspaper

XIV. **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Comm. Richardson wanted an authorization from the Board to proceed with hiring someone do the leg work with the recruitment drive.

XV. **OTHER COMMENTS**

Discussion regarding manning at Croft Corners.

The Board went back into Executive Session at 11:29 p.m.

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XVI. **MEETING**


A Special Meeting will be held on October 6, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at AFD Headquarters.

E-mail will be sent by Secretary and newspaper will notified.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp that we adjourn at 11:35 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Renee Gaddis", followed by a vertical line.

Renee Gaddis  
District Secretary