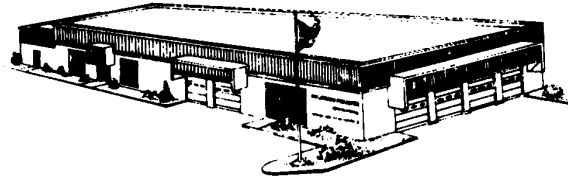


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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING - 2008 PROPOSED BUDGET October 16, 2007

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Patrick Rose, Chairman
Comm. Ann Bollmann (absent)
Comm. Kenneth Muckenhaupt
Comm. Kris Duderstadt
Comm. *VACANT*

Attorney: Gerard Comatos
Treasurer: James Passikoff
Business Manager: Frank Borquist (absent)
Secretary: Renee O'Neill

A motion was made by Comm. Rose and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to open the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners public hearing for the 2008 proposed budget on October 16, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

- Motion Carried, 3 - 0.

Everyone in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance. Comm. Rose identified the emergency exits and the Board of Fire Commissioners in attendance. He then introduced Treasurer Passikoff, who took over the public hearing and gave a power point presentation on the 2008 proposed budget.

Comm. Rose asked if anyone had any comments and opened the floor for anyone to speak.

Peter Valdez - 5 Tom's Way - Wanted to know how we get notified of the pension, number of employees we have; how is OT projected; Resources, are we understaffed; number of ambulances we have, if they are all ALS; percentage of EMS calls vs. Fire Calls; how many calls per year; Subcontract to anyone else?

- Treasurer Passikoff answered his questions that we get notified late in the process of doing the budget regarding the pension amounts; there are 75 firefighters and there are no new firefighters planned for hire in this budget. Overtime is based on history and contracted amounts of days that each person is allowed to take time off. Comm. Rose stated that we have a Chiefs Council that recommends to the BOFC if they need help, i.e. manpower, equipment. EMS Director stated that we have 4 ALS ambulances and DC Pells stated that we run about 65% EMS calls; run about 5200 calls per year. We are all in house, do not subcontract.

Raffaele Senese - 19 Darlene Drive - wanted to know if insurance companies can give money to the fire district because the firefighters go and help minimize damage. Suggests to talk to Spitzer and our State.

- Treasurer Passikoff stated that on occasion insurance companies give contributions for fire prevention but if they do, its very minimal. We are limited on what we can do by law. We do talk to our State Legislatures but we don't have a lot of say or pull.

With no further comments from the public, a motion was made by Comm. Duderstadt and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to close the public hearing at 8:17 p.m.

- Motion Carried, 3 - 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O'Neill
Fire District Secretary