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## Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard  
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### BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MONTHLY MEETING November 9, 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 (absent)  
Secretary: Renee Gaddis

Chairman Lahey opened the meeting of the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting at 7:37 p.m.

- I. Comm. Lahey requested Comm. Chiumento and Comm. McCourt to review Abstract 11A.
- II. **Guest** - Michael Wilbur, Lieutenant in New York City and writer for *Firehouse Magazine*, presentation on Silent Running.
- III. **MINUTES**
  - A. October 27, 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.

B. November 4, 1999 Bid Opening Minutes

A motion was made by Comm. McCourt and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to approve the Minutes as printed.

- Motion Carried.

IV. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- A. Chief's Report - October 1999
- B. Training Report - October 1999
- C. Inspectors Report - October 1999

V. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Received Parade Committee changes November 5, 1999 from AC Philipps.
  - AC Philipps stated that they were recommendations from the Westchester Judges.
- B. Memo dated November 4, 1999 from Chief Hellmann to All District Personnel regarding riding in equipment.
- C. Memo dated November 4, 1999 from Chairman Lahey to AC Alongi requesting his presence at the November 9, 1999 Board meeting.
- D. Letter dated November 1, 1999 to Station 4 and Station 5 Presidents from DC Pells regarding generators.
  - DC Pells stated that we possibly may have one donated from the Caldors property, natural gas one. Speaking with Joe Tarquinio to get appropriate one.

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.

| <u>NAME</u>      | <u>REASON</u>                       | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Cheryl Plassmann | In Memory of<br>Joseph Briehof, Sr. | \$10.00       |
| James Hennessy   | Ambulance                           | \$50.00       |

- 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 Brian Couse: "Managing Company Tactical Operations: Tactics", November 13-14, 1999 at Montour Falls.

- Motion Carried.

VIII. **BID - Fire Department Response Vehicle**

- DC Pells stated that Joe took a look at year 2000 models, which are smaller than 1999 models. Received Bid from Gallagher Truck Center for \$37, 500.00, \$1,700.00 for Warranty and \$2,000.00 for Options,(paint job). Total of \$41, 200.00. Problem is, it was only good until November 8, 1999. Will contact Gallagher to see if it can still be valid. This is a 1999 model.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. McCourt to approve the bid from Gallagher Truck Center pending the vehicle is still available.

- Motion Carried.

IX. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

- A. Chairman Lahey - Two (2) items for Executive Session.
- B. Comm. McCourt - One (1) item for Executive Session.
- C. Comm. Richardson - No items.
- D. Comm. Chiumento - No items.
- E. Comm. Philipp
  - 1. Status of Commissioner Election timetable

- Secretary Gaddis stated that it is up to date and Legal notice will be faxed tomorrow.

X. **CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS**

- A. Chief John Hellmann
  - 1. Bids for new engine is ready to go out. Wants to get them out and received back before end of year before prices go up.
- B. Deputy Chief Pells
  - 1. Received estimate for 32-13 damage. Total damages \$108, 570.02, plus our deductible of \$250.00. Looking at adding, which will come out of out pockets, A/C and gator grip.

Getting prices.

2. Statistics on 32-73 usage, updated through last week.
3. Received contract for Station 3, less the deductible. Wants Board to give Office Manager Doyle permission to sign contracts.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. McCourt accept the bid and to give permission to Office Manager Doyle to sign the contracts at a later date.

- Motion Carried.

#### **XI. ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

- A. FF Meluch - wanted to know why Career staff was not an option for the position of Assistant EMS Director.
  - Comm. Lahey stated that it was, a Civil Service test was done. It would've cost more to promote a firefighter, then to hire from outside. If they promoted a firefighter, they would've had to hire another firefighter. It was an economic decision.

A motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. McCourt that we adjourn to Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

#### **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:07 p.m and returned to Open Session.

#### **XIII. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to accept the leave of absence from 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jim Palmatier, Engine Co. #1, to attend school to become a paramedic, effective at the end of August.

- Motion Carried.

#### **XIV. ABSTRACT 11A**

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve Abstract 11A in the amount of \$84, 316.16, consisting of 100 transactions

charged to 43 accounts.

- Motion Carried.

XV. **SILENT RUNNING**

Comm. Richardson stated that he is in favor of a 100% modified Silent Run plan. When County allows runs plans, we need to implement that and to slow things down including the first rig on the scene. When nothing is showing, instead of silent running, code 3, don't have second calls go out.

DC Pells stated that the County dispatchers need to speak with the IC before doing any second dispatching for any equipment.

Discussion regarding various aspects of calls.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. McCourt and seconded by Comm. Chiumento that we adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

- Motion Carried.



Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Gaddis  
District Secretary