BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONER'S
MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2005

ATTENDEES:
Comm. Ralph Chiumento - Chairman
Comm. Patrick Rose - (absent)
Comm. Norman Comerford -(absent)
Comm. Elizabeth Bomba
Comm. Kenneth Muckenhaupt

Attorney: Gerard Comatos (arrived 8:05)
Treasurer: James Passikoff
Secretary: Renee O'Neill (absent)
Acting Secretary: Carol Schmitt

Chairman Chiumento opened the meeting of 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. Chiumento requested Comm. Bomba and Comm. Muckenhaupt to review Abstract 12A.

II. **MINUTES**

A. November 30, 2005 Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting
A motion was made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Bomba to approve the Minutes as printed.

- Motion Carried, 3-0.

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

A. Buildings and Grounds - Comm. Bomba - HQ & Comm. Rose - ROM
B. Union Negotiations & Contract - Comm. Comerford & Comm. Chiumento
C. Volunteer Liaison - Comm. Comerford

D. Service Awards - Comm. Chiumento
A motion made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Bomba to pay up to $75,000.00 for the Service Award Program to RBC Dain Rauscher.

- Motion Carried, 3-0.

E. Volunteer Recruitment - Comm. Muckenhaupt
F. District Inspection - Comm. Rose
G. Chief's Liaison - Comm. Chiumento
H. EMS Liaison - Comm. Muckenhaupt
I. Capital Equipment - Comm. Comerford
J. Equipment Maintenance - Comm. Bomba
K. Career Staff Liaison - Comm. Rose
L. Substation - Comm. Comerford & Comm. Muckenhaupt
M. Medical Plan - Comm. Bomba
N. Safety Committee - Comm. Chiumento

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Renee O'Neill and Family: Thanking the Commissioners and Staff for the dish garden for Little Ryan.

B. Arlington Professional Firefighters, Local 2393, Safety and Health Committee, asking to set up a meeting with the District. December 21, 2005 at 1PM at HQ.

1. Discussion to see if AC Roberts and Comm. Chiumento could attend. They will check schedules and notify.

C. Hudson Valley EMS Happenings for November 2005.

V. PERSONNEL - No report

VI. DONATIONS

A motion was made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Bomba to turn over the total donation amount of $235.00 to the Four Company Fund.

NAME	*REASON*
Anna Mae Marafioti	Ambulance Call
Charles W. Wise	Ambulance Call

- Motion Carried, 3-0

VII. SCHOOL REQUESTS

Added from Deputy Chief Pells report.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Bomba to accept the attendance of the following members to the schools/seminars listed: (Justin Carlon request is only if Homeland Security is going to reimburse.)

A. FF Pete Davis: “NYS Fire Investigators Winter Seminar” February 3-5, 2006, at Poughkeepsie Grand (cost $85.00).

B. FF John Ortiz: “Firefighting Strategies and Tactics” January 14, 2006(snow date January 15, 2006) at Westchester Marriot Hotel (cost $25.00 before 12/31/05).

C. FF Jasen West: “Introduction to Code Enforcement Practices (Part I)” January 3-5, 2006 at Fire Academy (cost $25.00 registration and $40.00/ day for lodging and meals).

D. FF Jasen West: “Introduction to Code Enforcement Practices (Part II)” January 10-12, 2006 at Fire Academy (cost $25.00 registration and $40.00/day for lodging and meals).

E. Lt. Edward Madison: “Introduction to Fire Officer” January 30 - February 1, 2006 at Camp Smith.(cost 3 lunches).

F. Lt. Edward Madison: “Fire Officer I” March 13-15, 2006 at Camp Smith.

G. Lt. Edward Madison: “ Fire Officer II” April 24-26, 2006 at Camp Smith. (cost 3 lunches)

H. Justin Carlon:“Introduction to Fire Officer” January 30- February 1, 2006 at Camp Smith (cost $25.00)

I. Justin Carlon: “Fire Officer I” March 13 - 15, 2006 at Camp Smith (cost $25.00)

J. Justin Carlon: “Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings (IRTB)”February 14-17, 2006 (or March 28-31) at Sococio, New Mexico (cost Homeland Security reimburses back to the district)

- Motion Carried, 3-0.

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

A. Appraisal Affiliates, Inc.: Office Manager William. Doyle will attend the meeting with information.

1. William. Doyle discussed the inventory and why it has been done. The Insurance Company does not require it but this keep control on large equipment and when we may need upgrading.

A motion made by Comm. Bomba and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to pay up to $1500.00 to upgrade the appraisal inventory on equipment for 2006.

- Motion Carried, 3-0

B. Croft Corners Fire Company 2006 Lease Renewal. Gerry Comatos will review and give more information.

1. Comm. Bomba reported wait for the information.
2. Gerry Comatos, we need to wait for him to report.

C. Reserve Funds established pursuant to General Municipal Law. Summary from

Gerry Comatos about reserve funds and establishing them.

1. Jim Passikoff, Treasurer reported that reserve fund for separate accounts(Sick days or Retirement) can be done and the District should keep in mind for 2007 Budget.

IX. CHIEFS / ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Deputy Chief Jeff Pells

1. Reported for Chief Richardson that there is about $3500.00 left in the Chief Account and would like permission to spend as needed on equipment before the end of the year without waiting for approval.

A motion made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to approve the remainder can be spent on equipment needed by the end of the year.

- Motion Carried, 3-0

2. The Town of Poughkeepsie Police requested one of the old Explorer to create an accident scene. Requested Deputy Chief Pells to check with Gerry Comatos to make sure it legal to give the vehicle.

3. City Watch Program discussed last meeting, just wanted to know if the Commissioners would like to see a demo. Comm. Muckenhaupt and Comm. Chiumento would and to set up at a meeting after the first of the year.

4. The next Board Meeting is the 28th of December and wanted to know if the Commissioner were going to cancel because of the Holiday.

   The Commissioners decided to cancel and to have a notice go in the paper to let all know.

5. Organizational Meeting for 2006 would need to be set up at this meeting.

   A motion made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to hold the Organizational Meeting on January 2, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.

   - Motion Carried, 3-0.

6. Has two items for Executive Session- Contractual

B. EMS Director John Kloepfer

1. Bid Packages for the 3 Ambulances are made up.

2. Purchase request from Capital Improvement for six (6) Motorola radios on

State contract. This includes dispatch two way radios and telemetry radios for three ambulances. Total cost $3722.88. Three (3) Alert radios like "plectron" unit which sound alarm when a call comes in for Arlington. Total cost $870.00. Six (6) SCBA units for the (3) three ambulances on bid and mounting brackets and hold down kit for six units. Total cost $26,257.80.

Discussion when to purchase the SCBA but the radios would be needed to be available to the ambulance manufacturer as they are being built.

A motion by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to purchase the radios and SCBA units not the exceed $31,000 out of the Capital Equipment Reserve Fund, subject to a permissive referendum..

- Motion Carried, 3-0

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, there is hereby appropriated from the capital equipment reserve fund of the Arlington Fire District in the Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, in the sum not to exceed $31,000.00 to finance, pay for, and be applied toward the purchase of six (6) Motorola radios, three (3) Alert radios and six (6) SCBA units with related equipment, accessories and appurtenances.

C. Office Manager William Doyle

1. Air Conditioner for Computer/Server Room needs to be replaced and he received prices.
American Heating & Cooling for $2800.00 new unit using the wiring we have already.
Dutchess Tekcon gave a price of $2999.00 upgrading the unit.

A motion made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Bomba to approve American Heating and Cooling to do the work for $2800.00 for the A/C in the Computer/Server Room.

- Motion Carried, 3-0

2. Insurance Company, Rose & Kiern, Office Manager, William Doyle would recommend to stay with for 2006.

A motion made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to stay with Rose & Kiern.

- Motion Carried, 3-0

3. Power Failure a few months ago, found that only a few things work on the generator and things that need to be on are not. Electrician looked and gave an estimate of $9300.00 to upgrade to make sure the things needed would work. Discussion and has ask to get prices for another generator to run the rest of the building. Bring information to the Board.

X. **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

A. Two residents of the Town expressed concerns of the DOT work being done on Raymond Ave. Roundabouts and the time table has been move up to do sooner than planned. Deputy Chief Pells will look into the time table.

XI. **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS**

1. Comm. Chiumento has two (2) Contractual for executive session.

2. Comm. Muckenhaupt has one (1) Contractual for executive session.

XII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

A motion made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Muckenhaupt for the Tax Anticipation Note for up to Two (2) million dollars.

- Motion Carried, 3-0

Comm. Chiumento wanted to Thank Comm. Bomba for her work on the Board in the past five years.

Comm. Bomba wanted to share with the public what she has learned as a Commissioner. The dedication displayed by both the career and volunteers goes beyond words.

On the political side, I learned that those who give you their word may not be honorable but manipulative, serving only their own purpose.

Perhaps it is time to explore an election process that would better represent the district by functioning like the Town Board that elects one person from each ward. Perhaps it is time to change the representation to one member from each company and not allow one company to dominate the Board.
The public should voice their opinion regarding this type of representation.

I enjoyed working on the Board, there is a lot of work involved and much more work to be done.

A motion made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Bomba to approved the salary for Renee O'Neill, Secretary and Carol Schmitt, Bookkeeper for the year 2006.

- Motion Carried, 3-0.

XIII. **ABSTRACT**

A motion was made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Bomba to approve Abstract 12A in the amount of $36,286.57 with 80 transactions..

- Motion Carried, 3-0

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Bomba that we adjourn.

- Motion Carried, 3-0

Happy Holidays!

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Schmitt
Acting Secretary

Approved - Board of Fire Commissioners Monthly Meeting - December 14, 2006