

## **Minutes of Regular Meeting September 8, 2004**

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**PRESENT:** Commissioners Kaplan, Nappi and Woehrle  
Treasurer Lagan and Secretary Ostrander.  
Also present: Chief Battiste, Chief Colvin, and Assistant Chief Cottrell  
Guests: Lt Lingenfelter, R. Tietz, and T. Congdon.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. under the direction of Chairman Woehrle.

Motion/ Kaplan, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Nappi: The minutes of the August 11, 2004 Regular Meeting be approved as distributed. Passed 3-0.

Commissioner Constantine arrived at 7:08 p.m.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Notice from the NYS Fire Districts of the Capital Area of a workshop on October 23, 2004.
- A new Certified List of names eligible for Firefighter/Paramedic from the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission.
- Notice from Workers' Compensation of Injury/Illness regarding Arthur Breault on 8/22/04.
- GBFC Fire and EMS Call Report.

### **BILLS:**

Motion/Kaplan, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Nappi: That Bills #2004-375 through 2004-417 totaling \$30,280.61 be paid as presented. Passed 4-0.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Treasurer Lagan presented the Financial Report for August 2004 and explained that she used the same format as Mike Luft.
- Several Nextel phone bill have not yet been paid. The individuals will be notified that they must pay by the 1<sup>st</sup> of next month. Treasurer Lagan is still looking into the legality of the Nextel reimbursement procedure.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** - Commissioner Kaplan reported that he has contacted the firm for the audit.

**INSURANCE:** - Commissioner Nappi reported on MVP.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Commissioner Constantine reported that Art Breault had his picture in The Gazette along with a story about the new CPR devices.

**APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT:** Chairman Woehrle reported that the Plymovents were serviced and repaired at both stations.

**COMMUNICATIONS / INFORMATION SERVICES:** No report.

**EMS & EQUIPMENT:** No report.

**FACILITIES:** No report.

**ELECTIONS:** No report.

**PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS:** No report

**SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM:** No report.

**INSPECTION & INSTALLATION:** Commissioner Constantine reported that he is making sure the list of invitees is complete and will send out letters.

## **REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:**

**Chief Battiste:** Chief Battiste reported that a resolution is needed to create the three new firefighter positions.

Motion/Constantine, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Nappi: To create three new Firefighter / Paramedic positions. Passed 4-0.

Chief Battiste reported that Andrew Dietrich would like to take Firefighter school at Montour Falls and be reimbursed for expenses in July of 2005. The expenses should be \$425.

Motion/Nappi, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Constantine: To allow Andrew Dietrich to attend Montour Falls in July of 2005 and reimburse him \$425.00 in expenses. Passed 4-0.

Chief Battiste also reported that the Schenectady County coordinator's office has received a grant for training in Weapons of Mass Destruction. They have positions open in the class and he would like to send 3 firefighters to the school.

Chief Battiste also reported that Patrick Griffiths is in Fire School in Utica.

Chief Battiste reported that Captain Battiste is retiring at the end of December or January. It may be good to begin the interview process to fill his position.

**Chief Colvin:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Fire Prevention Grant – Commissioner Constantine asked about the list and why it wasn't available prior to the Grant. Chief Battiste reported that since there was a deadline for using the Grant money and there was a time constraint to get it done between meetings, he was given the go-ahead by the Board. The list was generated and distributed since then.

Commissioner Kaplan asked about the TV that was purchased with the Grant and asked why it was in the day room if it was for training. Chief Battiste pointed out that the TV is used for Fire Prevention videos that are shown to hundreds of children each year, The children are from day care and schools all over the District and as part of the Fire House Tour, they are shown Fire Prevention videos. The NPFA has purchased TV's in the past from their own funds and never asked the District for reimbursement.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner Constantine reported that he attended a Underwriters Laboratories seminar and learned of many fire safety issues. Training is available and he will pass the information for training on.

Commissioner Kaplan proposed a resolution to adopt the premium only plan into effect for one (1) year for insurance benefits for employees. Ted Congdon submitted an agreement from the contract for this type of benefit. After much discussion between the Board and representatives of the NPFA, Commissioner Kaplan stated that he would get back to Denise Palyo and restructure the proposed resolution for the next meeting.

Motion/Kaplan, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Constantine: To adopt the premium only plan till January 1, 2005 at which time it will be upgraded. Passed 4-0.

Motion/Nappi, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Kaplan: To approve the 2005 Budget as submitted. Passed 4-0.

Motion Kaplan, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Nappi: To send one Commissioner and the Treasurer to the workshop at \$25 per person. Passed 4-0.

Commissioner Kaplan asked how overtime is approved. Chief Battiste explained the procedure of going through a list for overtime.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** No one brought any business to the floor.

Motion/Kaplan, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Constantine: To adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

- **The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Ostrander III  
Fire District Secretary