

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 12, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioners Barlyn, Constantine, Murray, Nappi and Chairman Woehrle
Treasurer Lagan, Attorney Hayner and Secretary Ostrander
Also present: Chief Battiste, Chief Colvin, and 1st Assist. Chief Cottrell.
Guests: Capt. R. Smith, Lt. T. Congdon, S. Sweet, J. Sherry, S. Vena, K.
Bushnell, J. LaGoy.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. under the direction of Chairman Woehrle.

Commissioner Barlyn was presented with his Commissioner Badge.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Constantine: The minutes of the December 15, 2004 Regular Meeting be approved as distributed. Passed 5-0.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Barlyn: The minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 4, 2005 be approved. Passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter from the Grand Boulevard Fire Co. stating that Amanda Page of 1026 Wendell Ave. has resigned and asking to remove her from the roles.
- A letter from the Grand Boulevard Fire Co. stating that Joseph Congdon has not contacted the Fire Co. after one year of leave of absence and therefore, in accordance with by-law article 5.6, is considered resigned and should be removed from the roles.
- A letter from the Grand Boulevard Fire Co. stating that Jennifer Vena has been granted a one year leave of absence.
- A letter from the Grand Boulevard Fire Co. stating that Frank Daddabbo, formerly of 1266 Sagemont Ct. has verbally resigned and moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. His gear has been turned in and he should be removed from the roles.
- Membership applications (form PF 5022) to the NYS and Local Retirement System.

BILLS:

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Constantine: That Bills #2005-001 through 2005-062, totaling \$263,191.64, be paid as presented. Passed 5-0.

Secretary Ostrander reported that a new policy would be put into place for a deadline to submit vouchers each month.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer Lagan submitted the Financial Report for December 2004.
- The details have been broken out to track the Grant income for wages and equipment.
- A resolution is needed to reclassify the budget items.
- There have been no unusual expenses in the past month.
- Details of uniform expenditures have been broken out.
- Details of maintenance have been broken out to specific vehicles.
- No Nextel payment has been received from B. Dillon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: - Commissioner Murray reported on the need for budget transfers for 2004.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Nappi: To make the following budget transfers for the year ending 12/31/04.
From NYS Retirement to:

Service Awards -	\$ 4,232.00
Social Security/Medicare -	\$ 1,244.11
Workers comp/VFBL -	\$ 8,598.00
Medical Insurance -	\$ 4,531.81
Equipment -	\$10,299.73
Disability Insurance	\$ 348.86
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$29,254.51</u>

Passed 5-0

INSURANCE: - Commissioner Nappi reported that Treasurer Lagan had researched the Life Insurance for the career staff and has received quotes from First Reliance, SBLI, and Jefferson Pilot Life. The best quote was from First Reliance to insure for \$10,000 at a cost of \$1,185.60 with a rate guarantee of two years.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Murray: To take the Standard Life Insurance for the career staff with First Reliance in the amount of \$10,000 at a cost of \$1,185.60. Passed 5-0.

MEDIA RELATIONS: No report.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT: 2nd Assistant Chief Ostrander submitted a proposal for a new Chief's car from the State Contract. It is a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe, and will have siren and lights installed at the dealer. All we will have to do is install a radio and letter the vehicle. The total cost from the State Contract is \$30,645.74, which includes installation of the lights and siren.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Nappi: To purchase the 2005, Chevrolet Tahoe from State Contract as specified at a cost of \$30,645.74. Passed 5-0.

Chairman Woehrle reported that a new pickup truck is in the budget and since the State Contract has Build-out dates, we should research and submit specifications for a new pickup as soon as possible.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Barlyn: To authorize the Apparatus and Equipment Committee to spec and order a new pickup truck through the State Contract at a cost of up to \$30,000. Passed 5-0.

Chief Battiste reported that the new Hurst Tool was installed on E-401.

COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES: No report.

EMS & EQUIPMENT: No report.

FACILITIES: Chairman Woehrle reported that the Facilities Committee had a tour of the Grand Union building as a possible station site. The Committee will meet to discuss the facility.

ELECTIONS: Commissioner Nappi reported that Secretary Ostrander did a good job in setting up the election last month.

PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS: No report.

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM: Chief Colvin reported that the list for the 2004 Service Awards points would be posted in the next couple of days.

INSPECTION & INSTALLATION: Commissioner Constantine reported that everything was set for the Inspection / Installation Dinner. 2nd Assist Chief Ostrander asked if an actual Inspection of personnel was going to take place like in past years. He said that an inventory and inspection of the uniforms was taking place next week. Chairman Woehrle set the inspection of the facilities and equipment for Saturday at 10:00 AM starting at the Balltown Road Station.

REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:

Chief Battiste: Chief Battiste reported that an ISO survey needs to be completed and he needs to know if we are committed to hiring three new firefighters before he submits the report. Chairman Woehrle reported that we are progressing with the hiring of three new individuals. Chief Battiste said that he would proceed with the ISO survey.

Chief Battiste said that he heard that if health insurance co-pay were increased, the District would receive a reduction in insurance premiums. He feels that it would be worth investigating if there would be a saving in the long run by increasing co-pay and making up the difference to the individuals and having lower premiums each month. He stated that at least some of the career staff would be in favor of such a move.

Chief Colvin: Chief Colvin reported that he would like authorization for up to \$3,500 for the NYSAFC Convention in Syracuse in June for passes, rooms and meals.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Murray: To authorize up to \$3,500 for the NYSAFC Convention in Syracuse in June. Passed 5-0.

Chief Colvin also asked the Board to keep the oldest Chief's car once the new one comes in and use it for the new career firefighters to travel to school. The Board agreed.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Woehrle reported that a Career Firefighter/Paramedic Reimbursement Agreement has been drawn up per the contract agreement.

Motion/ Constantine, 2nd/ Barlyn: To drop Amanda Page from the roles. Passed 5-0.

Motion/ Barlyn, 2nd/ Murray: To drop Joseph Congdon from the roles. Passed 5-0.

Motion/ Barlyn, 2nd/ Murray: To drop Frank Daddabbo from the roles. Passed 5-0.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Barlyn: To acknowledge the leave of absence of Jennifer Vena. Passed 5-0.

Chairman Woehrle recommends that since Brendan Dillon has not yet fulfilled his Nextel obligation, we continue to pursue legal proceedings against him. Attorney Hayner recommends that we set him up with a payment agreement schedule. Chief Battiste said that before anything is done, he would talk to him.

Motion/ Constantine, 2nd/ Barlyn: To purchase two plaques for presentations at the Inspection/Installation Dinner. Passed 5-0.

Attorney Hayner presented a memo to the Board regarding Treasurer undertaking which discusses the Bond for the Treasurer and explained that the District has a Commercial Crime Policy for \$100,000 that the Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer could be added to. Treasurer Lagan recommended insurance for 2 million dollars.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Nappi: To set the limit of the undertaking at 2 million dollars Passed 5-0.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Shane Sweet stated that he wants to make sure that the NPFA is informed about possible co-pay changes before any action is taken.

Jerry LaGoy stated that the Board has discussed the need for a new Fire Station and he wanted to point out that the School District is planning a large expansion which may cost the tax payers already and it may be difficult to sell the idea of more taxes for a new Fire Station at the same time.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Nappi: To adjourn at 8:01p.m. Passed 5-0.

- **The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Ostrander III
Fire District Secretary