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Minutes of Regular Meeting August 10, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioners Barlyn, Constantine, Murray, Nappi and Chairman Woehrle
Attorney Hayner, Treasurer Lagan and Secretary Ostrander
Also present: Chief Battiste, Chief Colvin, and 1st. Assist. Chief Cottrell
Guests: GBFC President D. Elliott, J. Sherry, R. Agans, R. Tietz, Capt.
Smith, Lt. Lingenfelter, Lt. Congdon and Scott Briggs.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. under the direction of Chairman Woehrle.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Barlyn: To adjourn to executive session to discuss hiring of personnel.
Passed 5-0.

Chairman Woehrle returned the meeting to regular session at 7:25 p.m.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Constantine: The minutes of the July 13, 2005 Regular Meeting be
approved as distributed. Passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter of thanks in appreciation for rescue action on 7/24/05 from Samuil Lam of 1200 Hillside Ave.
- Notice from New York State Archives that Grant Application materials for 2006-2007 are available online.
- Note from the Grand Boulevard Fire Company that Brian Flynn has resigned as a Fire Company member.
- Note from the Grand Boulevard Fire Company that Derek Fairly of 1134 Highland Park Road, Niskayuna; Mark Felpel, of 1319 Union Street, Sch'dy; and Caitlyn Bushnell, of 2224 Plum Street have been voted into the Fire Company pending completion of their physical exams, drug screening, and agility testing.
- Fire and EMS call report for July from the G.B.F.Co.
- A Notice of Claim from Fire Districts of NY Mutual Insurance for an injury to Kevin Holmes.
- Certificate of liability insurance for REMO.
- Letter from Ann Hauprich, 25 Lake Ave., Malta expressing her gratitude to Art Breault, John Baker, and Joe Battiste for changing a flat tire for her. Also a copy of the letter that she sent to editor of The Gazette that was published.

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BILLS:

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Nappi: That Bills #2005-397 through 2005-439, totaling \$56,151.92, be paid as presented. Passed 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer Lagan submitted the Financial Report for July 2005.
- The Foreign Insurance check came into the District as a direct deposit and will be distributed to the G.B.F.Co.
- There were no unusual expenditures in July.
- Everything is current and all Nextel bills have been paid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Commissioner Murray reported that a budget work session has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m.

INSURANCE: Commissioner Nappi reported that our insurance carrier is not familiar with the LENS program. They send a list of our drivers into the Insurance Company and it is checked possibly every three years. He does not feel that the LENS program was needed and Chief Battiste agreed. Chief Colvin was concerned and felt that checks should be more often than three years. Commissioner Nappi stated that we usually know right away when there are problems.

MEDIA RELATIONS: Commissioner Constantine reported that there was recently publicity on the Autopulse.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT: Captain Smith reported Ambulance 42 was being serviced. Metro Ford did not have time to look at it for a few days so it was taken to Morris Ford since they could look at it sooner.

COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES: Chairman Woehrle reported that the computer at the console has crashed and needs replacement. Three quotes were obtained from Hewlett Packard, Dell, and Gateway. All quotes were on the State Contract. Lt. Congdon recommended purchasing a HP Desktop DC 5000 at a cost of \$2,154 which includes a back-up system.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Constantine: To purchase the HP DC5000 computer and back-up system as outlined from the State Contract at a cost of \$2,154 out of the Information Services Reserve Account. Passed 5-0.

Lt. Lingenfelter reported that there is no word on the grant application for radios.

EMS & EQUIPMENT: No report.

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FACILITIES: Chairman Woehrle reported that the bushes were removed at the Balltown Road Station and noted that it looked good. He also reported that there is a light out in front of the building.

ELECTIONS: No report.

PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS: No report.

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM: Secretary Ostrander reported that he has been in contact with three providers of LOSAP and is in the process of scheduling presentations to the Board.

INSPECTION & INSTALLATION: No report

REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:

Chief Battiste: No report.

Chief Colvin:

- Chief Colvin reported that he has set up a tour of Carmen Fire Station on Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m.
- Chief Colvin also reported that he recommends the new pick-up have a bed-liner. A spray, liner would cost approximately \$600 while a slide in plastic liner would cost around \$200. Chief Battiste suggested that a tool box is needed before a bed liner. Chief Colvin will research a tool box and obtain more details on a bed liner.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was brought up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Barlyn: To appoint Scott D. Briggs provisional to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic effective August 21, 2005, with the understanding that continuing employment is subject to the creation of vacancy by the retirement of the fire chief.

Commissioner Murray – Yes

Commissioner Nappi – Yes

Commissioner Barlyn – Yes

Commissioner Constantine – Yes

Commissioner Woehrle - Yes

The resolution passed.

Motion/Constantine, 2nd/ Nappi: To remove Brian Flynn from the roles. Passed 5-0.

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Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Constantine: To add Derek Fairly, Mark Felpel, and Caitlyn Bushnell to the roles pending successful completion of their physicals, drug screening and agility testing. Passed 5-0.

Town Wide EMS Discussion:

Commissioner Nappi reported on a meeting with commissioners from the neighboring districts on the concept of town-wide EMS. Each district has a committee of two commissioners and they met with a representative from Colonie Ambulance to learn how they started their system. Colonie currently bills all patients and recoups about 85% of the money. Commissioner Nappi stated that there is no plan and they are just gathering information and in the learning phase of the concept. Chief Battiste asked if the other districts have a direction that they want to go with this subject and Commissioner Nappi restated that this is just the talking phase and no one has a direction of plan. The committee may expand if they progress and want to go in a direction with this but it is just information gathering right now. Commissioner Barlyn stated that in order to look at the overall picture, call statistics were needed from each district for a town wide study. The districts have agreed to collate the call information.

Commissioner Nappi stated that it may be good to remove the financial burden from the Fire District and also to improve EMS service to the entire town. Captain Smith asked if the mechanics of the EMS system should be looked at first, such as who would be in charge, who the employer would be, etc. He also cautioned that in looking at other town-wide systems we need to compare "apples" to "apples" as far as what we have now compared to what they started with.

Commissioner Barlyn Stated that employment security should not be a concern. Captain Smith also cautioned that outside agencies may compete for the service once "Pandora's box" is opened. Commissioner Barlyn assured that it is not a concern at this stage. He said that there is no secret effort to diminish service or employees to implement a new system.

Commissioner Barlyn stated that the information needed for the committee was the history of EMS calls and the break down of BLS and ALS calls.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Captain Smith reported that two of the new members voted on this evening are from the Niskayuna High School intern program. He also reported that a training program was coming up with G.E. and that there was a family day at Northwoods coming up that we would send personnel and apparatus to as well as Pluggie.

Lt. Lingenfelter reported that a Firefighter one class would be held at our station beginning on August 30th.

1st. Assist. Chief Cottrell reported that high school football ambulance coverage was being coordinated.

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G.B.F.Co.Fire Captain Elliott thanked Lt. Lingenfelter for setting up training with the live burn in Colonie.

Firefighter/Paramedic Tietz reported that Bill Van Hosen has been appointed to the Schenectady County Fire Coordinator position.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Murray: To adjourn to Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters with the chief. Passed 5-0.

The meeting was returned to Regular Session at 8:28 p.m. by Chairman Woehrle

Motion/ Constantine, 2nd/ Nappi: To adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Passed 5-0.

➤ **The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



John E. Ostrander III
Fire District Secretary