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Minutes of Regular Meeting September 14, 2005

PRESENT: Commissioners Barlyn, Nappi and Chairman Woehrle
Attorney Hayner, Treasurer Lagan and Secretary Ostrander
Also present: Chief Colvin, Capt. Fritz, Capt. Smith, Lt. Lingenfelter, Lt.
Breault, J. Sherry. Guests: Patricia Daglio and Michael White, Marketing
Managers from McNeil & Co.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. under the direction of Chairman Woehrle.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Barlyn: To approve the minutes of the August 10, 2005 Regular Meeting as distributed. Passed 3-0.

Secretary Ostrander introduced the guests, Patricia Daglio and Michael White from McNeil & Company, the administrator of our current Length of Service Award Program. They explained in detail our current Defined Contribution Program as well as various Defined Benefit Plan options for \$15.00, \$20.00, and \$25.00. They also provided a written summary of their presentation. They answered several questions and the Board thanked them for their presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from the Grand Boulevard Fire Company stating that Brian Flynn has withdrawn his resignation and has been voted back in as a Fire Company member.
- Letter from the Grand Boulevard Fire Company stating that Ivano Iaia, of 2349 Knollsvie Road, has been voted into the Fire Company pending the results of his physical exam and arson background check.
- Letter from the Grand Boulevard Fire Company stating that Nicholas Persons, of 1343 Via Del Mar, has been voted into the Fire Company pending the results of his physical exam and arson background check.
- Fire and EMS call report for August from the G.B.F.Co.
- Letter to Chief Battiste from Teresa L. Ebert, Associate Professor, English Dept, SUNY Albany, expressing her deep appreciation for the professional expertise, concern and kindness used in treatment of her and her husband at an automobile accident on August 25, 2005.

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CORRESPONDENCE Continued:

- A notice from Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York of a Teleconference on Wednesday, September 28, 6:15 p.m., at Niskayuna High School on Fire District Management: Travel Policies and Procedures.
- Letter from Fire Districts of NY Mutual Insurance Co., Inc. stating that the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law will not cover volunteers who sign up for volunteer fire service in response to Hurricane Katrina under FEMA. Firefighters in this program would be Federal Employees and subject to FECA benefits.
- Letter from Dan Elliott, President G.B.F.C., asking the Board to supply bottled water and Gatorade for use at emergency calls, drills and work details starting in the fiscal year 2006.
- Letter from REMO to Chief Battiste, inviting him to attend the Regional Awards Ceremony on Monday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. at REMO. They will be honoring him with a Service Award.

BILLS:

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Barlyn: That Bills #2005-440 through 2005-496, totaling \$44,183.01, be paid as presented. Passed 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer Lagan submitted the Financial Report for August 2005.
- There were no unusual expenditures in August.
- 81% of the overtime budget has been used through August. Commissioner Barlyn asked if a minimum staffing policy has been established. Treasurer Lagan stated that a policy might reduce the flexibility that we currently have. Chairman Woehrle said that he would discuss the minimum staffing issue with Chief Battiste.
- Nextel is current except for a balance owed by Dillon.
- Treasurer Lagan also reported that the water cooler might be purchased for \$75.00 instead of renting it.
- Treasurer Lagan has also investigated our current waste disposal bill and has received a quote for \$80 a month less for similar service. She will pursue this further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report.

INSURANCE: Commissioner Nappi reported that the bill for our blanket policy has been received.

MEDIA RELATIONS: No report.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT: Captain Fritz reported that there is no news on the generator for T-405. It has been sent back to the manufacturer. Also there is a computer problem with some of the electronics on T-405. Commissioner Barlyn suggested that we contact LTI directly if we don't get an answer from the dealer.

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COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES: Chairman Woehrle reported that the new computer for the console is in and being set up.

EMS & EQUIPMENT: The Autopulse grant money has been received. Lt. Breault reported that there have been four cardiac reversals in the five times that the Autopulse has been used.

FACILITIES: Chairman Woehrle reported that the apparatus needed to be rearranged at the River Road Station. He also reported that the New Fire Station Committee has met with C.T. Male and that Lance has submitted new plans.

ELECTIONS: No report.

PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS: No report.

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM: Secretary Ostrander reported that he would have another LOSAP presentation at the next Regular Meeting.

INSPECTION & INSTALLATION: No report

REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:

Chief Colvin:

- Chief Colvin reported that he is still looking into a toolbox and bed-liner for the new pick-up truck.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was brought up.

NEW BUSINESS:

REMO Award Dinner – Chairman Woehrle said that he would attend the ceremony.

Association of Fire Districts Teleconference – Secretary Ostrander said that he would reserve four spots.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Barlyn: To add Nicholas Persons, of 1343 Via Dei Mar to the roles. Passed 3-0.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Barlyn: To reinstate Brian Flynn to the roles. Passed 3-0.

Motion/ Barlyn, 2nd/ Nappi: To add Ivano Iaia, of 2349 Knollsvie Rd. to the roles. Passed 3-0.

Treasurer Lagan reported that she has been following up on PILOT money and has been working with the Town and tracking past PILOT monies.

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Lt Lingenfelter reported that there was a request from the County to use our Truck 405 and Engine 401 for some of the State Firefighter training courses at Stratton Airbase, Thomas Corners, or the Rotterdam Training Center.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Barlyn: To allow the use of apparatus for the County courses.
Passed 3-0.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Lt. Lingenfelter stated that many of our new members are enrolled in State Courses, SCCC Fire Science Program, EMT, or Paramedic schools.

Captain Fritz added that three of the new members were high school interns.

Captain Smith reported that he, Chief Colvin, and EMS Lt. Dietrich would meet with a Cairnes Fire Helmet representative and discuss the status of repairs to our current helmets.

Lt. Breault thanked the Board for sending him to the EMS Conference.

He also reported that the dumpster at the River Road Station has been repeatedly filled with construction debris. He has locked that dumpster and will monitor it.

He also reported that when considering minimum staffing, we have to keep in mind that there are written understandings to support mutual aid for EMS within the region.

Lt. Breault also mentioned that when we build a new fire station, many in the area are going to "dry" stations and we should consider the liability.

Finally, Lt. Breault stated that in his opinion, the request for the Board to provide water and Gatorade instead of the Fire Company purchasing it, was not justified and that the G.B.F.C. should not have a problem with purchasing these items.

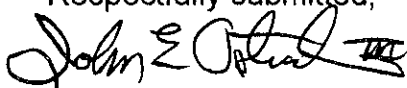
Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Barlyn: To adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters.
Passed 3-0 at 8:39 p.m.

The meeting was returned to Regular Session at 9:54 p.m. by Chairman Woehrle

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Barlyn: To adjourn at 9:54 p.m. Passed 3-0.

➤ **The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,
October 12, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



John E. Ostrander III
Fire District Secretary