



Minutes of Regular Meeting January 11, 2006

PRESENT: Commissioners Barlyn, Constantine, Murray, Nappi and Chairman Woehrle
Attorney Hayner, Treasurer Lagan, and Secretary Ostrander
Also present: Acting Chief Smith, Chief Colvin, 1st. Assist. Chief Cottrell,
and several guests.

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

Motion/ Barlyn, 2nd/ Murray: To approve the minutes of the December 14, 2005 Regular Meeting as distributed. Passed 5-0.

Motion Murray, 2nd/ Barlyn: To approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting as distributed. Passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from the G.B.F.Co. stating that Lisa Taft has been dropped from the Fire Co. roles after her leave of absence has elapsed without any reply from her and asking that the Board remove her from the District roles as well.
- Letter from William Van Hoesen, County Emergency Manager. Re: Flood planning meeting.
- Letter from Dott's Garage, Inc., DBA D&D Automotive, soliciting service to district vehicles.
- Letter of thanks from Michael and Ashley Warrick for efforts to revive their infant daughter on December 26th.
- Notarized copy of the Organizational Meeting Legal Notice that appeared in The Gazette on 12/27/05.
- Notarized copy of the Legal Notice for the Permissive Referendum for expenditure from the Communications Fund Reserve Account that appeared in The Gazette on 12/23/05.
- Notarized copy of the Legal Notice for bids on the 1998 Expedition that appeared in The Gazette on 12/19 - 12/21/05.
- Notarized copy of the Legal Notice for the Permissive Referendum for expenditure from the Apparatus Fund Reserve Account to purchase a 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe, which appeared in The Gazette on 12/15/05.
- Letter from David Riemenschneider dated 12/13/05 requesting extension of sick leave.

BILLS:

Motion/ Constantine, 2nd/ Murray: That Bills #2006-001 through 2006-073, totaling \$264,967.20 be paid as presented. Passed 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer Lagan submitted the Financial Report for December 2005.
- \$88,800 will carry over from 2005.
- We may be around \$43,000 in the hole to start the year but will be able to tell in about three months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report.

INSURANCE: Commissioner Nappi reported that we received a dividend check for \$8,455, which has been deposited. He also reported that the prescription plan had been changed by our provider. This raised issues that were being resolved.

MEDIA RELATIONS: No report.

Commissioner Murray was excused from the meeting.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT: Chairman Woehrle reported that the new Chief's car should be here the week of the 23rd. Also the Fire Prevention Trailer has a wheel added to be able to move it around by hand.

COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES: No report.

EMS & EQUIPMENT: Firefighter/Paramedic J. Vena submitted a request to upgrade the accountability of the narcotics program. The new system would cost around \$3,000, would be accessible to all paramedics and would have an audit trail.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Barlyn: To spend \$3,002.50 on the new security system for the narcotics program pending approval by the NYS DOH and the District Medical Director. Passed 4-0

Commissioner Nappi reported that a representative group of EMS personnel were meeting with the new Medical Director on Tuesday January 17th, at 9:00 am.

FACILITIES: Chairman Woehrle reported that parts for one of the doors at the River Road Station were due in this week.

ELECTIONS: No report.

PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS: No report.

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM: Secretary Ostrander noted that the totals for 2005 points need to be posted for 30 days.

INSPECTION & INSTALLATION: Secretary Ostrander reported that the invitations have gone out and everything was set for the dinner. Inspection of members in full uniform would take place on Saturday morning, January 28th at 9:00 a.m. at the River Road Station.

REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:

Acting Chief Smith:

- Acting Chief Smith requested Treasurer Lagan to make a presentation to the NPFA on the budget and on the voucher procedures.
- The DOH 2-year certificate for our ambulances has been renewed.
- The ambulance check sheets have been evaluated for streamlining.
- A new mailbox has been mounted outside of the station for security reasons.
- The old grey mailbox has a new lock and is now used by the new Medical Director.
- J. Congdon has had pediatric medical guides donated to the district.
- He is working on a procedure to balance manpower between stations during the daytime hours.
- Fire extinguisher training is being scheduled for January and February and he is working on a new fee for this service.
- He has attended the County Emergency Managers presentation on the Gilboa Dam.

Chief Colvin: Chief Colvin reported that he will be taking C-409 to LaRosa's to get a price for deactivating the emergency strobe lights.

1st Assist. Chief Cottrell: No report.

2nd Assist. Chief Ostrander: Chief Ostrander reported that the Niskayuna School system gave a presentation to the GBFCo. to promote their needs for a bond to improve facilities. He stated that we should take some similar measures in the community to promote the building of a new station.

OLD BUSINESS: Treasurer Lagan reported that the Nextel bill for B. Dillon has not yet been paid. Attorney Hayner will look into this.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was brought before the Board.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Bob Tietz requested recognition to the new members who responded to a recent incident involving the death of an infant. Also members of the NPD handled the situation well.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Constantine: To adjourn to executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues with Acting Chief Smith. Passed 4-0.

Chairman Woehrle returned the meeting to Regular Session at 8:23 p.m.

Chairman Woehrle announced that the Board would meet at the Balltown Road Station at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday January 28th for inspection and then proceed to the River Road Station.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Constantine: To adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Passed 4-0.

➤ **The next Regular Meeting has been changed and is now scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Ostrander III
Fire District Secretary