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## Minutes of Regular Meeting February 7, 2007

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**PRESENT:** Commissioners Barlyn, Constantine, Murray and Chairman Woehrle  
Attorney Hayner and Secretary Ostrander.  
Also present: Chief Lingenfelter and several guests.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. under the direction of Chairman Woehrle.

Motion/ Barlyn, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Murray: To approve the minutes of the January 10, 2007 Regular Meeting. Passed 4-0.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Letter of thanks from Western Turnpike Rescue Squad, Inc. for response of two ambulances to the Our Lady of Mercy Life Center on January 26, 2007.
- Notice from Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York of a teleconference on Thursday, March 8, 2007 6:30-8:45 p.m. on Fire District Accountability.
- Fire District Affairs Bulletin for January-February 2007.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** No one spoke from the floor.

### **BILLS:**

Motion/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Barlyn: To pay bills #2007-019 through 2007-074, totaling \$125,681.61. Passed 4-0.

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

Treasurer Hudy submitted a Financial Report for January 2007 along with the following notes:

- The Financial Report is in a new format.
- Property tax check has been received from the Town of Niskayuna.
- Nothing extraordinary to report regarding expenses.
- Robison & Smith has agreed to a one year contract, in addition to removing the accelerator clause. An April 1<sup>st</sup> start date is anticipated.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** No report.

**INSURANCE:** Chairman Woehrle noted that the Workers Compensation bill has come in.

**MEDIA RELATIONS:** No report.

**APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT:** Chief Lingenfelter reported that all of the vehicles have been inspected.

**COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES:** Secretary Ostrander reported that he and Chairman Woehrle met with a web page designer and will be getting quotes to redesign our web page.

**EMS & EQUIPMENT:** No report.

**FACILITIES:** Chairman Woehrle reported on the inspection of the facilities. A list of deficiencies from both stations was submitted and is being addressed. Chief Lingenfelter reported that there had been a drainage problem at the River Road Station from the construction project next door. The contractor is monitoring the situation.

**ELECTIONS:** No report.

**PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS:** No report.

**SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM:** The Service Awards points for 2006 have been posted for 30 days. Once the 30 period has passed and the Board approves the 2006 points, the entire list along with corrections for past service will be submitted to the insurance company.

**INSPECTION & INSTALLATION:** Secretary Ostrander reported that the Inspection / Installation Dinner went well. The date next year for the same weekend would be January 26<sup>th</sup> 2008.

**Motion/ Barlyn, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Murray:** To hold the 2008 Inspection / Installation Dinner on Saturday January 26, 2008. Passed 4-0.

## **NEW FIRE STATION:**

Ted Congdon reported that the building committee met with the citizen committee to start the process for a new vote on a station.

## **REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:**

**Chief Lingenfelter:** Chief Lingenfelter submitted his monthly report to the Board.

- Request authorization to surplus the following equipment:
  - 2 Ferno Stretchers
  - 1 Gator Tool including spreaders, cutters, and air supply.
  - 1 outdated Foam appliance.

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- A sewer line backed up, leaking into the boiler room at the Balltown Road Station. Heat was shut down and a plumber called to clear the line.
- EMS charts training is underway.
- The workplace violence prevention law will become effective on March 3, 2007 requiring employers with more than 20 employees to have a written program. An attorney has determined that volunteer members are not counted as employees under this law and a written plan is not required for us.
- We responded to a structure fire at 908 Heather Lane on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries sustained and the residence was not occupied at the time of the fire. The Schenectady County Fire Coordinators Office assisted with the investigation.

## **Chief Ostrander:**

- A new volunteer member application has been submitted to the GBFC the applicant is a transfer from Verdoy and has outstanding credentials. Has cleared arson background check and is presently going through the physical exam process and will be voted on by the Fire Company next week.
- Currently researching hydrogen cyanide detectors for use during fire overhaul operations. Will work through Chief Lingenfelter and make recommendations in a month or two.

## **Report of the Niskayuna Permanent Fireman's Association:**

- Joe Congdon reported that the NPFA has donated \$250 to each elementary school for playground renovations for a total of \$1,250.
- The NPFA would like to formally thank the Board for their support of the Inspection / Installation Dinner.

## **Report of the Grand Boulevard Fire Company:** No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS:** No old business

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Constantine: To declare the two Ferno stretchers reported by Chief Lingenfelter as surplus. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Constantine: To declare the Gator Tool including the spreaders, cutters and air supply as surplus. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Constantine: To declare the outdated Foam appliance as surplus. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Constantine, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Murray: To declare the secretary's old printer as surplus. Passed 4-0.

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**Any Additional Business to come before the Board:** No additional business was brought from the floor.

Motion/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Constantine: To adjourn to Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Passed 4-0.

Chairman Woehrle returned the meeting to Regular Session at 8:12 p.m.

Motion/Barlyn, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Constantine: To authorize the process of an application for 207-A Disability Retirement for David Riemenschneider. Passed 4-0.

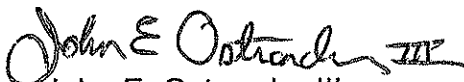
Motion/ Barlyn, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Murray: To authorize Chief Lingenfelter to advertise for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic if there is no Mandatory Civil Service List.

Chairman Woehrle stated that he responded to the letter that was sent by Shane Sweet last month.

Motion/ Barlyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> / Constantine: To adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Passed 4-0.

➤ **The next Regular Meeting is Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
John E. Ostrander III  
Secretary