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**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
May 9, 2007**

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**PRESENT:** Commissioners Barlyn, Murray, Nappi, and Chairman Woehrle  
Attorney Hayner, Treasurer Hudy and Secretary Ostrander.  
Also present: Chief Lingenfelter, Assist. Chief Cottrell, and several guests.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. under the direction of Chairman Woehrle.

Motion/ Barlyn, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Murray: To approve the minutes of the April 11, 2007 Regular Meeting.  
Passed 4-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A copy of a letter from Chief Robert C. Forezzi, of Albany Fire Department, regarding the tragic loss of F.F. Ted Abriel, extending a heart-felt thank you on behalf of the City of Albany and the entire Albany Fire Department to all members of the Niskayuna Fire Department for their tireless and invaluable assistance during their time of need.
- A copy of a letter from John Nuzback, Schenectady County Fire/EMS Coordinator, regarding new EMS Vehicle Designations, Radio Etiquette, and Radio Codes.
- A note of thanks from the Wilson Family for saving one of their lives from a full cardiac arrest on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2006.
- A note of thanks from Mrs. Austin on Coolidge Place for helping with the water in her basement in April.
- A note of thanks from the Alstons on Lexington Parkway for pumping the water from their basement in the recent flooding.
- A note of thanks from Sabine Seiler of S. Country Club Drive for help when their car broke down on Balltown Road just before the snowstorm in March.
- Fire District Affairs Bulletin for March and April.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Eric Moses of Union Street thanked the Fire Department for pumping out his basement.

**BILLS:**

Motion/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Nappi: To pay bills #2007-195 through 2007-229, totaling \$37,712.68.  
Passed 4-0.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer Hudy submitted the Financial Report for April 2007.
- There is nothing unusual to report.
- The Nextel balances are being collected.
- Quotes are being received from Cingular and Verizon for wireless service to compare costs.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No report.

INSURANCE No report.

MEDIA RELATIONS: There was an article in The Gazette on April 5, 2007 reporting on the proposal from Mohawk Ambulance Service. There was a letter to the editor in The Gazette on April 15, 2007 from a resident stating that we should keep our ambulance service.

## APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT:

Chief Lingenfelter reported that the front tires have been replaced on T-405. Also there was a problem with U-421 that was repaired and covered under warrantee.

## COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES:

The EMS Charts work is progressing.

## EMS & EQUIPMENT:

- Chief Lingenfelter reported that we will not use all of the Grant money allotted and he is looking into the possibility of purchasing equipment to test for carbon monoxide in patients.
- Chairman Woehrle reported that an EMS Investigating Committee has been formed. Commissioner Murray is the Chair of the committee. The committee consists of: The Board, the Chiefs; three GBFC volunteer members, J. Sherry, R. Hull, and D. Elliott; and three NPFA members, J. Vena, T. Congdon, and J. Congdon.
- Commissioner Murray reported that he would like to document the EMS Billing history and bring it to the public eye. Chief Lingenfelter said that there is new legislation on this topic.
- Chief Lingenfelter reported that Scotia Fire Department has inquired if we would like to reimburse the Village of Scotia for uniform parts that are consistent with our uniforms and were issued to firefighter/paramedic Pelliccia during his employment with Scotia.

## FACILITIES:

- Chairman Woehrle reported that the heaters and heat tape at the River Road station have been turned off.
- Commissioner Nappi recommends electric eyes on the outside lights and flagpole at the River Road station.
- The water service at 1073 Balltown Road has been shut off at the curb box. The shed in the back yard will be demolished as part of a training activity due to its structural instability.

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**ELECTIONS:** No report.

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

**SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM:** Secretary Ostrander reported that he has not received information back on the Service Award pay offs. He will contact the insurance company and find out what is taking so long.

**INSPECTION & INSTALLATION:** No report.

## **REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:**

### **Chief Lingenfelter:**

- The Plymovent system at the River Road station is still out of service. Air Cleaning systems has been having trouble finding replacement parts. If parts search is not successful, request authorization to replace the control box at a cost of \$1,300.
- Preparations for Fire District activities in support of Niska-Day are under way. A public gathering permit has been received by NCAP. EMS coverage will be provided throughout the event as well as fire protection during the fireworks. An informational booth is also being set up along with a static display of apparatus.
- Gregg Pelliccia started on May 1<sup>st</sup>. He has been scheduled for day shift through the 11<sup>th</sup> of May for orientation and will be assigned to shift 4 effective May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Overtime for coverage for firefighter Riemenschneider continues to cost the fire district over \$7,000/month in overtime. Hiring of a provisional firefighter/paramedic would allow us to remain within budget for overtime with respect to the vacancy. The Board's action on this matter is requested.
- The Niskayuna PSAP has initiated priority dispatch. To date there have been no reported problems.

### **Chief Ostrander:**

- Chief Ostrander reported that the Fire Company was preparing for Niska-Day. He also invited the Board to participate in the parade and the activities during the day.

### **Assistant Chief Cottrell:**

- Assist. Chief Cottrell reported that the public relations at Niska-Day are important.

**Report of the Niskayuna Permanent Fireman's Association:** No report.

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

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## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Woehrle reported that the Alcohol Policy has been sent to all and is ready for approval.

Motion/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Nappi: To adopt the District Alcohol Policy. Passed 4-0.

Attorney Hayner reported that the Brendan Dillon situation has been resolved. His wages are being garnished to collect the money owed for Nextel service.

Chairman Woehrle stated that he is proposing to hire a provisional firefighter to replace Firefighter/Paramedic Riemenschneider.

Commissioner Nappi asked if the Mohawk Ambulance Service proposal was discussed at the past meeting. Attorney Hayner reported that Mohawk Ambulance Service payment to our District is not possible. This is clear on the Comptroller's opinion that we cannot be paid at all by Mohawk Ambulance Service. The attorney for MAS has been contacted and after reviewing the Comptroller's opinion, he agrees with Attorney Hayner that this cannot be done.

Commissioner Barlyn reported that he feels there is an alternative. He stated that we could allow MAS to transport patients from our District without accepting any fee.

Commissioner Murray said that we should discuss the entire situation with the full committee and we should meet in the next week or so.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion/ Nappi, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Barlyn: To purchase compatible uniform parts from the Village of Scotia for Firefighter/Paramedic Pelliccia at a cost of \$490.50 pending Scotia's acceptance. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Barlyn: To replace the Plymovent control box at a cost of \$1,300. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Barlyn: To purchase one Rad57 unit at a cost of \$6,495 if our request to modify the grant purpose is successful. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Barlyn: To purchase a face revision for the sign at the River Road Station to add four rows of four inch letters to replace the three rows of six inch letters from Snyder Neon Displays at a cost of \$900. Passed 4-0.

## **Any Additional Business to come before the Board:**

No additional business was brought to The Board.

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Motion/ Nappi, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Murray: To adjourn to Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss possible hiring of personnel as well as to discuss an issue with representatives of the NPFA.  
Passed 4-0.

The meeting was returned to Regular Session at 8:53 pm.

Motion/ Barlyn: 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Murray: To hire Alexander Traina as a temporary Firefighter/Paramedic with a salary of \$33,000 starting June 1, 2007.

Commissioner Barlyn – Yes

Commissioner Murray – Yes

Commissioner Nappi – Yes

Commissioner Woehrle – Yes

Commissioner Constantine – Absent

Passed 4-0

Motion /Nappi, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Murray To adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Passed 4-0.

➤ **The next Regular Meeting is Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



John E. Ostrander III  
Secretary