

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 10, 2007

PRESENT: Commissioners Barlyn, Constantine, 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 7:33 p.m. under the direction of Chairman Woehrle.

Motion/ Barlyn, 2nd/ Murray: To approve the minutes of the September 12, 2007 Regular Meeting. Passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter from Schenectady County Fire Advisory Board, informing the Board of Fire Commissioners that the term of Edward Woehrle to the Fire Advisory Board will expire on December 31, 2007. The Board will need a letter stating whether Mr. Woehrle will serve another term, or if a new individual will receive the appointment.
- A letter from the Grand Boulevard Fire Co. stating that at their October 8, 2007 monthly meeting, the members voted to add Christopher Apa, 2245 Niskayuna Drive as a probationary firefighter member.
- A letter from C.T. Male Associates, offering Facility Support Service for Existing Fire Stations.
- A letter from the State of NY Worker's Compensation Board with a decision on an award for lost time for Shane Sweet.
- Notice from the Association of Fire Districts of the Capital Area, Inc. that the next meeting is October 20, 2007 at the Milton Fire Department.
- Letter from the Office of the NY State Comptroller regarding the application for a Performance of Duty Disability Retirement for David Riemenschneider.
- Certificate of liability insurance from Schenectady Insuring Agency for Niskayuna Schools for the student intern program.
- Memorandum from the Schenectady County Civil Service Commission stating that all eligible lists will now be established for a period of four years, beginning with lists established by the Sch'dy County Civil Service Commission at the October 16, 2007 meeting.
- A letter of thanks to Gregg Pelliccia, Bob Tietz, Jim Vena, and Nick Persons from Krzysztof Drzymalski, 2214 Garden Drive, for their help in saving his life at a motorcycle accident on September 14th.

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

BILLS:

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Constantine: To pay bills #2007-445 through 2007-509 totaling \$39,865.85 with the exception of claim # 2007-472 from Gray Electric Co. for \$355.32, which is for a motor that will be returned. Passed 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer Hudy submitted the September 30, 2007 financial report.
- Due to a lightening strike at the Balltown Road Station, the treasurer's computer is out of service.
- There is nothing out of the ordinary to report on the budget.
- Overtime is within 1% of the budget line to date.
- The entire budget is approximately \$10,000 under budget so far this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

- The public hearing for the budget will take place on October 16th at 7 pm.
- Chairman Woehrle presented an agenda for the budget hearing.
- Secretary Ostrander stated that all the required notifications have been made.
- Commissioner Barlyn asked to purchase a larger ad for the public hearing notification in the newspaper. He stated that the legal notice was too small.

Motion/ Barlyn, 2nd/ Constantine: To purchase a larger ad notifying district residents of the budget hearing on October 16th, 2007. Passed 5-0

INSURANCE:

Commissioner Nappi stated that we received the claim for the building damage. Chief Lingenfelter noted that lightening took out some equipment at the Balltown Road Station and that claims have been filed.

MEDIA RELATIONS: No report.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT:

- Chief Lingenfelter reported that there was a vibration in Engine -402. A power take off shaft was out of place and has been repaired. Also some warrantee work was done.
- Chief Lingenfelter has been researching a replacement pick-up truck. Chevrolet is not included on the new State Contract.

COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES: No report.

EMS & EQUIPMENT: No report.

FACILITIES:

- Repairs of the damage to the Balltown Rd. station have been completed.
- An air conditioner leak at the Balltown Road Station has been repaired.
- The ceiling repairs at River Road have been completed.

ELECTIONS: No report.

PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS: No report.

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM: No report.

INSPECTION & INSTALLATION: No report.

REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:

Chief Lingenfelter:

- Firefighter Traina is in his eighth week of Basic Recruit Firefighter Training in Utica and is doing well.
- Nick Persons has completed his REMO internship and is now on-line as a paramedic with our agency.
- Niskayuna Fire District No. 1 was recognized by the Schenectady County Legislature for being named the ALS Agency of the Year for Schenectady County.

Chief Ostrander:

- Three new volunteer members are enrolled in the Firefighter 1 class and one new member is enrolled in the EMT class at SCCC.
- There are currently three more new volunteer member applications being processed. One has cleared the investigation process, has been accepted by the GBFC, and is to be voted on tonight, the other two will be ready next month.

Report of the Niskayuna Permanent Fireman's Association:

- The MDA Boot Drive was postponed due to weather.
- In December, the PFA will hold elections for officers for next year.

Report of the Grand Boulevard Fire Company: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was brought up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion/ Barlyn, 2nd/ Constantine: To add Christopher Apa, of 2245 Niskayuna Drive, to the roles as a member of the Grand Boulevard Fire Company. Passed 5-0.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Barlyn: To authorize Chief Lingenfelter to attend a NYS Codes class in Warren County on November 5, 2007. Passed 5-0.

Commissioner Murray reported that he attended the Shared Municipal Services meeting last week. He stated that for the most part, it did not apply unless we want to consolidate districts. There is a \$200,000 Grant available per district for feasibility studies. Commissioner Nappi noted that Frank Gavin from the Highway Dept. stated that he will no longer be able to wash his vehicles and mentioned that in the future he may want to discuss sharing costs with fire districts for equipment.

Any Additional Business to come before the Board: No additional business.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Murray: To adjourn to 8:18 p.m. Passed 5-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Ostrander III
Secretary