

Minutes of Regular Meeting August 13, 2008

PRESENT: Commissioners Nappi, Murray, Daly and Chairman Woehrle
Attorney Hayner, Secretary Ostrander, Treasurer Kayser, Chief Lingenfelter, 1st
Assist. Chief Colvin, 2nd Assist. Chief Elliott, and several guests.

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

Motion/ Daly, 2nd/ Nappi: To approve the minutes of the July 9, 2008 Regular Meeting.
Passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A notarized copy of the legal notice that appeared in The Gazette for a permissive referendum.
- A notice from United States Bankruptcy Court in regards to the Chapter 11 of American LaFrance, LLC.
- A notice from the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York for a Commissioner Training Program on Saturday September 6th at Westmere Fire District.
- A note of thanks from the Massaroni Family for EMS service.
- A letter from the Grand Boulevard Fire Co. stating that Daniel Steinchen, of 755 Wright Ave.; Vincent Itri, of 22 Edison Dr.; and Jeremy Rice of 2351 Rosa Rd. were voted in as new volunteer firefighter members.
- A letter of resignation from John E. Ostrander III, resigning as Volunteer Chief, effective immediately an resigning as District Secretary, effective August 31, 2008 due to relocation to South Carolina.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Chairman Woehrle presented Dr.Heidi DeBlock with a plaque in appreciation of her service as Medical Director over the past two years.

BILLS:

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Murray: To pay bills #2008-343 through 2008-414 totaling \$ 89,393.09.
Passed 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer Kayser presented the July Financial Report.
- Treasurer Kayser reported that repairs to apparatus were high.
- All other expenditures were comparable to the previous year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Commissioner Murray stated that the line items for electricity year to date seemed high. This is likely due to the assignment errors of budgeted items over the past months.

Audit report – Anne Lagan will sit down with the auditor face to face and wrap up the audit.

INSURANCE:

Commissioner Nappi reported that we received an insurance premium due that was not included in the list of bills.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Nappi: To pay the insurance premium of \$1,503.38. Passed 4-0.

MEDIA RELATIONS: No report.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT:

- Chief Lingenfelter reported that we are having problems replacing the bumper on E-401. Garrison is working on finding a replacement.

COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES:

- Chief Lingenfelter reported that caller ID has been ordered.
- The District computer is down and a call will be placed to have it repaired.

EMS & EQUIPMENT: No report.

FACILITIES:

- The seal coating has been done.
- Bay doors at River Road Station: The Company is still having problems ordering the proper sensors for the doors.
- The air conditioner for the Balltown Road station is being investigated.

ELECTIONS: No report.

PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS: There will be items needed on next year's budget.

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM:

Secretary Ostrander reported that the census was submitted in May but we have not received a bill from the insurance company yet. Ray Hull will be taking over administrative duties of the Length of Service Awards Program.

INSPECTION & INSTALLATION: No report.

NEW FIRE STATION: No report.

REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:

Chief Lingenfelter:

- Six firefighter/paramedic candidates were interviewed based on the non-certified copy of civil service exam results. Recommendations for two provisional appointments will be presented in Executive Session for the Board's consideration.
- Firefighter/paramedic Alex Traina's probationary report is due to Civil Service on August 28, 2008.
- The information is back on the pick-up replacement. A recommendation is being made to replace the 1996 Ford pick-up with a 2008 GMC Sierra 2500 pick-up type utility from Whiteside Chevrolet/GMC Inc. at a cost of \$28,900.00.
- Department Activity:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	
July Incidents:	170	154	
EMS	115	117	
Fire/Other	55	37	
YTD Incidents:	1174	1157	(7/31)

Other Activities:	Emergency Callback:	33 hours
	Fire Prevention Details:	20 hours
	In-service Training:	63 hours

Chief Ostrander: Chief Ostrander recommended that the Board appoint 1st Assist. Chief Colvin as Interim Chief, and 2nd Assist. Chief Elliott as Interim 1st Assist. Chief for the remainder of the year.

1st Assistant Chief Colvin: Assistant Chief Colvin invited the Board to a retirement party for Chief Ostrander.

2nd Assistant Chief Elliott: No report

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

Report of the Grand Boulevard Fire Company: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Nappi: To add Daniel Steinchen of 755 Wright Avenue to the roles as a volunteer firefighter. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Nappi: To add Vincent Itri of 22 Edison Avenue to the roles as a volunteer firefighter. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Nappi: To add Jeremy Rice to the roles as a volunteer firefighter. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Murray: To accept the resignation of John Ostrander as Secretary effective August 31, 2008. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Murray: To accept the resignation of John Ostrander as volunteer Chief effective August 13, 2008. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Murray: To pass a resolution requesting the Supervisor and the Town Board of the Town of Niskayuna to support an amendment to the General Municipal Law which would authorize fees and charges for ambulance and emergency services provided by the fire department of Niskayuna consolidated Fire District No. 1. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Murray: To pass a resolution requesting the Schenectady County Legislature to support an amendment to the General Municipal Law which would authorize fees and charges for ambulance and emergency service provided by the fire department of Niskayuna Consolidated Fire District No.1. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Nappi: To authorize the purchase of a 2008 GMC Sierra 2500 Pickup type utility vehicle from Whiteside Chevrolet / GMC Inc. at a cost of \$28,900. Passed 4-0.

Motion Murray, 2nd/ Daly: To authorize the purchase of a Fisher HD Series snowplow and installation from Arrowhead Equipment at a cost of \$4,000. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Daly: To authorize the purchase of a Motorola mobile and portable radio from Albany Communications for a total of \$1,667.25. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Daly: To authorize the purchase of emergency lighting, siren, lettering, and console equipment to include installation from LaRosa's Automotive at a cost of \$6,059.12. Passed 4-0.

Chairman Woehrle presented John Ostrander with two plaques and thanked him for his dedicated service as Fire District Secretary and as Volunteer Chief.

Any Additional Business to come before the Board: None

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Nappi: To adjourn to Executive Session at 7:48 pm to discuss the Volunteer Chief's position, the District Secretary position, and hiring of new career firefighter/paramedics. Passed 4-0.

The meeting returned to Regular Session at 8:30 pm.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Nappi: To have the District Secretary send a letter to the Grand Boulevard Fire Company requesting their input for the Volunteer Chief vacancy. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Daly, 2nd/ Nappi: To appoint Robert Wessels Jr. provisional to the position of entry level Firefighter/ Paramedic effective August 13, 2008 with a salary and benefits per agreement with the NPFA and the understanding that continuing employment is subject upon the results of the Schenectady County Civil Service Firefighter exam and the Fire District Appointment procedure.

Commissioner Murray – Yes
Commissioner Daly – Yes
Commissioner Weitz – Absent
Commissioner Nappi – Yes
Commissioner Woehrle – Yes

The resolution passed 4-0.

Motion/ Daly, 2nd/ Nappi: To appoint Shannon Powers provisional to the position of entry level Firefighter/ Paramedic effective August 14, 2008, with a salary and benefits per agreement with the NPFA and the understanding that continuing employment is subject upon the results of the Schenectady County Civil Service Firefighter exam and the Fire District Appointment procedure and the retirement of Captain Arthur Breault.

Commissioner Murray – Yes
Commissioner Daly – Yes
Commissioner Weitz – Absent
Commissioner Nappi – Yes
Commissioner Woehrle – Yes

The resolution passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Daly: To adjourn at 8:36 pm. Passed 4-0.

➤ **The next Regular Meeting is Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Ostrander III
Fire District Secretary