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# Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard  
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MONTHLY MEETING January 12, 1999

### ATTENDEES:

Comm. Paul Lahey, Chairman  
Comm. Ralph Chiumento (absent)  
Comm. Gerard Philipp  
Comm. William McCourt  
Comm. John Richardson

Attorney: Gerard Comatos (arrived at 8:05 p.m.)  
Treasurer: James Passikoff  
Secretary: Renee Gaddis

Chairman Lahey opened the meeting of the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

I. Comm. Lahey requested Comm. Richardson and Comm. Philipp to review Abstract 12B.

### II. MINUTES

A. January 5, 1999 Board of Fire Commissioners' Re Organizational Meeting Meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the Minutes as printed.

- Motion Carried.

- B. December 8, 1998 Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting.  
A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the Minutes with the following amendment.

1. Section VI - Personnel, Item E, should read DAVID ARROYO, not Dan Arroyo.

- Motion Carried.

III. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- A. Chief's Report - December 1998  
B. Fire District Affairs - December 1998  
C. Fire Prevention Bureau Report -December 1998

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Thank you card, along with donation received January 8, 1999 from Mary Haupt of Wappingers Falls, thanking AFD Rescue Squad for helping her mother at Lutheran Care Center on November 10, 1998.
- B. Thank you card received January 8, 1999 from Good Counsel thanking AFD for the donation of ham dinners for Christmas 1998.
- C. Thank you card received January 4, 1999 from EMS Director Kloepfer thanking AFD for the flowers in memory of his mother.
- D. Letter dated January 4, 1999 from the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York regarding our region directors for 1999 and 2000.
- E. Letter dated December 17, 1998 to Chief Hellmann from the NYS Department of Labor regarding a notice of violation and order to comply.  
  
- Deputy Chief Pells responded stating that it is almost done.
- F. Letter, along with donation, dated December 9, 1998, from Marilyn Immer of Claverack, NY, thanking EMS Director Kloepfer and others who assisted her 12-7-98.



V.

**DONATIONS**

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. McCourt to turn over the seven (7) donations In Memory of Fredericka Kloepfer to the Arlington Advanced Cardiac Life Support Fund, the donation from Linda Wong to Red Oaks Mill Station #3 and the remaining three (3) donations to the Four Company Fund.

<u>NAME / ADDRESS</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Clifford Haupt 52 Swenson Drive Wappingers Falls	In Memory of Thelma Kendall	\$50.00
Isabelle Benoit 38 Meadow Dr. Wappingers Falls	Assistance Received	\$50.00
Marilyn Immer Claverack, NY	Assistance Received	\$50.00
Ann Crawford 17 Esterich Rd Poughkeepsie	In Memory of Fredericka Kloepfer	\$25.00
Anna Kuehn 8 Ziegler Ave. Poughkeepsie	In Memory of Fredericka Kloepfer	\$15.00
Doris Porter 41 Vassar Road Poughkeepsie	In Memory of Fredericka Kloepfer	\$25.00
Joseph Sarubbi 3221 S. Ocean Blvd. Highland Beach, FL	In Memory of Fredericka Kloepfer	\$50.00
E.J. Sharkey Green Valley, AZ	In Memory of Fredericka Kloepfer	\$25.00
Suzanne Supply 35 Clover Hill Rd Poughkeepsie	In Memory of Fredericka Kloepfer	\$25.00
Stanley Straub 61 East Main St. Wappingers Falls	In Memory of Fredericka Kloepfer	\$25.00
Linda Wong Imperial Station Wappingers Falls	Donation sent for Station # 3	\$50.00

- Motion Carried.

VI.

PERSONNEL

A. Memo dated January 11, 1999 from Faith Sedore, Recording Secretary of Engine Co. #1 requesting the removal of the following members from the active roles of the Arlington Fire District.

- 1.) Dean Ashton
- 2.) Charles Duncan
- 3.) David Dapilka
- 4.) James Reilly
- 5.) Chrystal Spenser
- 6.) Jeffrey Stokum
- 7.) John Sutka

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. McCourt to remove the aforementioned members from the active roles of the Arlington Fire District.

- Motion Carried.

B. Memo dated January 7, 1999 from Croft Corners Fire Co. requesting the removal of the following members from active roles of the Arlington Fire District.

- 1.) Deborah Digilio
- 2.) Robert Boles

Also change the status of Michael Stearns from active to "Friend of the Firehouse" \*\*

\*\*to be discussed, refer to OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION CRITERIA memo, need official title.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded Comm. McCourt to remove the aforementioned members from the active roles of the Arlington Fire District, and have Michael Stearns suspended from participation in all activities in the Arlington Fire District pending receiving a notification of his acceptance in the New Hamburg Fire District.

- Motion Carried.

C. Memo dated January 6, 1999 from Office Manager Doyle to All District Personnel regarding purchasing policy.



- D. Two memos dated January 6, 1999 and January 8, 1999 from Croft Corners Fire Co. to the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting the need for the electric eyes for the doors and District help in the expense.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp to agree to pay half of the expense for the electric eyes, not to exceed \$1750.00.

- Motion Carried.

- E. Letter dated January 4, 1999 from Capt. Al Schoessow, Station 4, requesting the following members be dropped from active roles of the Arlington Fire District.

- 1.) Diane Rothstein
- 2.) Richard Rothstein
- 3.) Albert Schoessow, Sr.
- 4.) Mark Trocino

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Richardson to remove the aforementioned members from the active roles of the Arlington Fire District.

- Motion Carried.

- F. Letter dated January 4, 1999, from FF Francis Cross, Recording Secretary of Local 2393, informing the Board of Local 2393's 1999 officers.

President - Lisa Monaco  
Vice President- Howard Adams  
Treasurer - Chip Grundon  
Recording Secretary - Francis Cross

- G. Memo dated January 4, 1999 to All District Personnel from DC Pells regarding group assignments positions.

- H. Letter dated December 20, 1998, from FF Zamaloff to Deputy Chief Pells regarding 32-46 damage.

## VII. SCHOOL REQUESTS

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. McCourt to accept the attendance of the following members to the schools/seminars listed:

- A. FF Anthony Abbott: "EMT Refresher", January 11, 1999 - June 20, 1999 at Dutchess Community College South Campus.



- B. FF Stephen Klauck: "EMT Refresher", January 11, 1999 - June 20, 1999 at Dutchess Community College South Campus.
- C. FF John Ortiz: "EMT Refresher", January 11, 1999 - June 20, 1999 at Dutchess Community College South Campus.
- D. FF Raina Ortregre: "EMT Refresher", January 11, 1999 - June 20, 1999 at Dutchess Community College South Campus.
- E. FF Jeffrey Tryon: "EMT Refresher", January 11, 1999 - June 20, 1999 at Dutchess Community College South Campus.
- F. FF Lou Cassinelli: "Building Construction - Wood / Ordinary", January 16 - 17, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- G. FF Peter Davis: "Building Construction - Wood / Ordinary", January 16 - 17, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- H. FF Jim Lieberman: "Building Construction - Wood / Ordinary", January 16 - 17, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- I. FF Dan Murray: "Building Construction - Wood / Ordinary", January 16 - 17, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- J. FF Keith Rutbell: "Building Construction - Wood / Ordinary", January 16 - 17, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- K. FF Jason Tamney: "Building Construction - Wood / Ordinary", January 16 - 17, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- L. Typist Bonnie Clark: "ADP PC Payroll for Windows", January 21, 1999 in Milford Connecticut.
- M. Bookkeeper Debbie Miliambro: "ADP PC Payroll for Windows", January 21, 1999 in Milford Connecticut.
- N. FF Gary Lewis: "Basic Structural Collapse Operations", January 23, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- O. FF Dan Murray: "Basic Structural Collapse Operations", January 23, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- P. FF Gary Lewis: "Medium Construction Related to Building Failure", January 24, 1999 at Camp Smith.



- Q. Lt. Jim Snyder: "Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction - Technician", January 28 - 29, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- R. FF Lisa Monaco: "Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction - Technician", January 28 -29, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- S. FF Peter Davis: "Codes 44 - General Building Construction", February 1 - 4, 1999 at Dutchess County (TBA).
- T. FF Larry Wilson: "Codes 44 - General Building Construction", February 1 - 4, 1999 at Dutchess County (TBA).
- U. Lt. Dave Walsh: "Incident Safety Officer", February 20 - 21, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- V. FF Lou Cassinelli: "Building Construction - Non-Combustible / Fire Resistive", February 20 - 21, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- W. FF Peter Davis: "Building Construction - Non-Combustible / Fire Resistive", February 20 - 21, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- X. Lt. Richard Andersen: "Fire Instructors Conference", February 25 - 28, 1999 at Montour Falls.
- Y. FF Augustus Antalek: "1999 Instructor's Conference", February 25 - 28, 1999 at Montour Falls.
- Z. FF Pete Spielvogel: "Flammable Gas Emergency Response Workshop", March 6 - 7, 1999 at Montour Falls.
- AA. Lt. Richard Andersen: "Public Safety Critical Incident Management", March 9 - 10, 16 - 17, 1999 at Dutchess County Bureau of Emergency Response.
- BB. FF Larry Wilson: "Managing Company Tactical Operations - Series", March 22 - 26, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- CC. FF Virginia Ashline: "Advanced Rope Rescue", April 15 - 18, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- DD. FF Lisa Monaco: "H.V.R. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual EMS Conference", April 30 - May 1, 1999 at Holiday Inn Fishkill.

EE. FF Larry Wilson: "Training Officer Workshop I", July 17 - 18, 1999 at Camp Smith.

- Motion Carried

VIII. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

A. Comm. McCourt

1. Three (3) items for Executive Session.

B. Comm. Philipp

1. Questioned Chief Hellmann and Deputy Chief Pells regarding the concern for the Nursing Home emergency call volume.

- DC Pells responded that Nursing Homes will call a lot and we are obligated to go. Also there are more assisted living homes in preplanning stages.

C. Comm. Richardson

1. New Ambulance status.  
- DC Pells responded we are in final stages, checking a chassis End of January or later, getting specs ready, going out for bid.
2. One (1) item for Executive Session.

IX. **CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS**

A. Chief John Hellmann

1. Meeting scheduled with Ray Nichols, Re: District Company Tones

B. Deputy Chief Pells

1. Two (2) chassis are in.
2. Fifteen (15) people change from Blue Cross to MVP Health Plan, 18 total enrolled. Approx. \$400 savings per person per month.
3. OSHA violation - did not have a respiratory plan in place for the TB masks or an organizational statement.  
- Board will approve compliance at next meeting.
4. One (1) personnel item for Executive Session.

X. **ITEMS / COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

A. Treasurer Jim Passikoff

1. One (1) item for Executive Session.



- B. Director of Volunteer Recruitment Larry Rosen
  - 1. One (1) application to be approved.
    - A. Patrick Hayes - FF for Station #5

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. McCourt to approve the application for Patrick Hayes for Firefighter for Station #5.

- Motion Carried.

- 2. Presented the Board with prototype of a new accountability tag that is being looked at by the Chiefs' Council.
  - A. Question about the value of having photograph on tag.

C. Attorney Comatos

- 1. Questioned Board regarding Assistant Chief position and nominations.
  - A. Comm. Richardson stated that it's the law that you nominate the Assistant Chiefs; The gentleman's agreement is that there will be one for each company.
  - B. Comm. McCourt questioned that if we require an acceptance at the elections, i.e. a letter.
    - 1. Attorney Comatos stated if the incumbent is out, the appointee is in. If he wants to resign, he can resign, then you go back to square one.

A motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded by Comm. Philipp that we adjourn to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:58 p.m and returned to Open Session.

XII. **ABSTRACT 12B)**

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. McCourt to approve Abstract 12B in the amount of \$117, 961.03, consisting of 248 transactions charged to 58 accounts.

- Motion Carried.

XIII. COMMITTEES FOR 1999

COMMITTEE	PRIMARY	SECONDARY
<b>Building &amp; Equipment</b>	Comm. William McCourt	Comm. Ralph Chiumento
<b>Communication</b>	Comm. William McCourt	Comm. Ralph Chiumento
<b>Volunteer Liaison</b>	Comm. Gerard Philipp	Comm. John Richardson
<b>Career Staff Liaison</b>	Chairman Paul Lahey	Comm. John Richardson
<b>EMS &amp; Paramedic</b>	Chairman Paul Lahey	
<b>Service Awards</b>	Comm. Ralph Chiumento	
<b>Union Negotiations &amp; Contract</b>	Chairman Paul Lahey	Comm. William McCourt
<b>State Associations</b>	Comm. Ralph Chiumento	Comm. William McCourt
<b>Public Relations</b>	Comm. John Richardson	Comm. Gerard Philipp
<b>District Officers Liaison</b>	Comm. Gerard Philipp	Comm. John Richardson



With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. McCourt and seconded by Comm Richardson that we adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renee Gaddis".

Renee Gaddis  
District Secretary