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# Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard  
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL / WORKSHOP MEETING January 27, 1999

ATTENDEES:

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

Attorney: Gerard Comatos (arrived at 8:15 p.m.)  
Treasurer: James Passikoff (absent)  
Secretary: Renee Gaddis

Acting Chairman Chimento opened the meeting of the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' Special / Workshop Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

- I. Comm. Chimento requested Comm. Philipp and Comm. McCourt to review Abstracts 12C and 1A.
- II. **MINUTES**
  - A. January 12, 1999 Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting.  
A motion was made by Comm. McCourt and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the Minutes as printed.
  - Motion Carried.

III. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- A. Fire District Affairs - January 1999

IV. **DONATIONS**

A motion was made by Comm. McCourt and seconded by Comm. Philipp to turn over the total donation amount to the Four Company Fund.

<u>NAME / ADDRESS</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ronald Tice 15 Orchard Road Poughkeepsie	In Memory of Lois Turturro	\$100.00

- Motion Carried.

V. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Received packet of information, January 27, 1999 from John Dolezal, Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on May 1 - 5, 1999.
- B. Received letter January 22, 1999, from Association of Fire Districts of the Capital Area informing AFD that they are hosting the Annual Convention in the Spring of 1999 and requesting an advertisement be placed in the program book.
- Comm. Chiumento and Comm. Philipp commented that AFD can not place advertisement into program book.
- C. Received Thank you card January 20, 1999, from the McCourt family thanking AFD for the donation in memory of Katherine McCourt.

VI. **PERSONNEL**

- A. Change of status request received January 27, 1999 from Brian Mallet from Fire Police / FF to Fire Police only.
- Comm. Chiumento stated that no action is required, just informational.



B. Purchase Proposal received January 27, 1999 from EMS Director Kloepfer to the Board of Fire Commissioners. RE: Physio Control Life Pak - 12 Lead EKG Units.

- EMS Director Kloepfer discussed Proposal with the Board, which included topics such as:

1. transmission from cell phone to hospital;
2. diagnostic tool for paramedic in trying to determine if patient is having MI or not;
3. diagnostic tool for Emergency Room physician;
4. "reverse" a lot of heart attacks;
5. demo used by paramedics and himself;
6. surveys used for feedback, positive results;
7. ER doctors letters written; enthusiastic response;
8. Alamo and Sloper are using system;
9. prices received from Physio Control, prices are in State Bid; wants Board to consider going out for Permissive Referendum, taking money out of Capital Reserve Fund.

- Board will make decision after other Commissioners look over proposal; will ask Treasurer about Capital Reserve Fund. Comm. Chiumento asked what else was coming out of Capital this year. Chief Hellmann and Deputy Chief Pells responded that Ambulance is already accounted for, a new engine, and new gas truck for mechanics. Approximately \$300, 000 for engine, \$110, 000 for new ambulances and \$45, 000 for gas truck.

- Chief Hellmann and Deputy Chief Pells recommends that District goes ahead and purchase proposal.

- Comm. McCourt commented that he liked the idea of surveys being used with the paramedics. EMS Director responded that he is using surveys with all new equipment, if not going to use it, don't buy it.

C. Memo dated January 25, 1999 from Capt. Al Schoessow Jr, Station 4 requesting the retainment of the following members.

1. Dale Lovelace - change of status to FF only, was FF/EMT.
2. Robert Hawley - FF only
3. Mike Warwyk - FF only

- Comm. Chiumento stated that no action is required by Board.



- D. Memo dated January 25, 1999 from Chief Hellmann, informing All District Personnel of Arlington Company #1 company tone elimination.
- E. Letter dated January 18, 1999 from FF/EMT Chris Quinby thanking the Board of Fire Commissioners for the opportunity to attend the NYS EMS Conference.
- F. Memo dated January 10, 1999 from Joe Lawrence, Captain AFD Engine Co. #1, requesting the removal of Lynita Plain from the Active roles of the Arlington Fire District.

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

- Motion Carried.

## VII.

### SCHOOL REQUESTS

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

- A. Lt. Rick Andersen: "Fire Related Human Behavior" , January 25 - May 9, 1999 at Empire State College.
- B. FF Gary Lewis: "Emergency Rescue Shoring Concepts", February 17, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- C. Chief John Hellmann: "Incident Safety Officer", February 20 - 21, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- D. Lt. Rick Andersen: "Emergency Rescue Shoring Concepts", February 20, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- E. FF Lou Cassinelli: "Incident Safety Officer", February 20 - 21, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- F. FF Pete Davis: "Confined Space Awareness", February 22, 24, 1999 or March 8, 10 , 1999 (TBA) at Millbrook FD.
- G. FF Keith Rutbell: "Confined Space Awareness", February 22, 24, 1999 or March 8, 10, 1999 (TBA) at Millbrook FD.
- H. FF Larry Wilson: "Medication Update", February 27, 1999 at Dutchess Community College.

- I. FF Gary Lewis: "Medium Structural Collapse Operations: Tools", March 10 - 11, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- J. FF Gary Lewis: "Intermediate Rope Rescue", March 18 - 21, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- Motion Carried.

VIII.

**COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

A. Comm. McCourt

- 1. Paging system problem at Headquarters; should be solved by Friday.
- 2. Still on drawing board with getting 1313 back up. Talked with Mr. Bondi on Monday, he's waiting for part to come in.
- 3. Asked Larry to comment on Computer Committee;
  - Larry responded by stating that server is in; up and running today, loading software and testing; anticipates cutting over within the next two weeks.
- 4. Wanted to thank Engine Co. #1 for invitation to the installation dinner.
  - Comm. Philipp said thank you as well.
- 5. Appreciates the gift from the Arlington Fire Department in memory of his mother and wanted to thank the Union as well.

B. Comm. Chiumento

- 1. Service Awards - will elaborate more when Gerry Comatos arrives.
  - A. Questions arose if we can pay benefits past entitlement age; can we pay in retroactively, is so, how do we go about doing so.
    - In response, stated that Gerry contacted Associations lawyer as well as Comptroller lawyer that handles Service Awards, cannot pay retroactively. Illegal. Can pay past entitlement age, if you do so, must go and have a referendum amending your plan.



- C. Question he got from another Commissioner from another District, do you have to put the whole plan up for vote again or just the change. (Will discuss when Gerry arrives)

IX. **CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS**

A. Chief John Hellmann

- 1. Deputy Chief Pells and himself met with Ray Nichols regarding Company Toning; no problem utilizing if we have to, not on a daily basis.
  - discussion about 911 and increase in calls in the future.
- 2. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session.

B. Deputy Chief Pells

- 1. Stated that John Richardson asked about 1313; we are doing monitoring that's why we pay; if we decide the call volume on 1313 is not here, or can't rectify the problem, and gets rolled into the system or call forwarded into the system, the county will pick up the tab; it's a business line, will be removed when 911 is up. 911 is scheduled for September 11, 1999, well ahead of schedule.
- 2. Question about Contract: Re: Reimbursement of College Credit.
  - A. approve class before hand or since its contractual show proof of class, matriculation for a degree program, and have B or better, to be reimbursed.
    - Comm. Philipp stated that they will be reimbursed under the contract just as long as meet everything stated in contract. No need to bring to Board a head of time. Comm. Chiumento and Comm. McCourt agreed.
- 3. Ambulance, Engine and Gas Truck specs coming.
- 4. Chief Hellmann stated that two Suburbans are in; sent down to Oddesey for quotes on the cabinetry, detailing, lettering, etc.

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

A. Director of Volunteer Recruitment Larry Rosen

- 1. Two applications for approval
  - A. Clark Laird - Station 3 for FF
  - B. Marcia Fassino - Engine Co. #1 for EMS

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. McCourt to approve the two aforementioned applicants.

- Motion Carried.
- Comm. Chiumento commended Larry on the Computer System.

A motion was made by Comm. McCourt and seconded by Comm. Philipp that we adjourn to Executive Session at 8:01p.m.

- Motion Carried.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Attorney Comatos arrived during Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:26 p.m and returned to Open Session.

XII. **ABSTRACT 12C & 1A**

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve Abstract 12C in the amount of \$78, 279.99, and Abstract 1A in the amount of \$99, 986.97, consisting of 125 transactions charged to 42 accounts.

- Motion Carried.

XIII. **SERVICE AWARDS**

Comm. Chiumento discussed his questions with Attorney Comatos regarding needing a referendum to change our plan.

Attorney Comatos stated that he will prepare a resolution authorizing the amendment. Comm. Chiumento stated that PenFlex will draft the terminology. Gerry said he will look at it, and have Comm. Chiumento call PenFlex; Resolution will be ready for next Board meeting.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. McCourt that we adjourn at 8:31p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Renee Gaddis  
District Secretary