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## Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard  
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

### **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MONTHLY MEETING March 9, 1999**

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

Attorney:            Gerard Comatos (absent)  
Treasurer:          James Passikoff  
Secretary:          Renee Gaddis (absent)

Chairman Lahey opened the meeting of the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting at 7:37 p.m.

I.        Comm. Lahey requested Comm. Chiumento and Comm. Philipp to review Abstract 3A.

#### II.      **MINUTES**

A.        February 24, 1999 Board of Fire Commissioners' Workshop Meeting.  
A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to approve the Minutes with the following amendment as noted by Chief Hellmann.

IX.      Chiefs Items  
            Specs for ambulances; should read 32-97, not 32-96.

-        Motion Carried.

B.        March 4, 1999 Board of Fire Commissioners' Special Meeting.

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

-        Motion Carried.

III. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- A. Chief's Report - February 1999
- B. Training Report - February 1999

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Memo received March 4, 1999, from Croft Corners, Station 5 to the Board of Fire Commissioners informing of their monthly and company meeting dates.
- B. Letter dated March 2, 1999 from John Donahue to Office Manager Doyle informing him of the increase in Legal Fees for 1999 - 2000.  
- *Board needs to approve increase.*

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the increase in Legal Fees for 1999 - June 30, 2000.

- Motion Carried.

V. **PERSONNEL**

- A. Memo dated February 26, 1999 from DC Pells to All Personnel informing them of E-mail and Internet use.

VI. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

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

- A. Lt. Jim Snyder: "Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction: Incident Command", March 18 - 19, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- B. Bookkeeper Debbie Miliambro: "ADP Payroll for Windows", March 29, 1999 in Milford, CT.
- C. Typist Bonnie Clark: "ADP Payroll for Windows", March 29, 1999 in Milford, CT.
- D. FF Howard Adams: "Hudson Valley EMS Conference", April 30 - May 1, 1999 at Fishkill Holiday Inn.

- Motion Carried.

VIII. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

- A.. Comm. Chiumento
  - 1. One (1) Item for Executive Session.
  - 2. Information received from PenFlex regarding Service Awards, was sent to Gerry Comatos, in response received Resolution as follows:

WHEREAS; under the current provisions of the Service Award Program, active volunteer firefighters of the Arlington Fire District who are eligible to participate in the Program can earn credit under the Point System for a maximum of 40 years or up to the time the firefighter attains the Entitlement Age (whichever comes first); and

WHEREAS; the Board of Fire Commissioners believes Service Award Program service credit should be awarded to all active volunteer firefighters who earn such credit under the Point System, regardless of age; and

WHEREAS; a proposal has been made up to amend the Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighters of the Arlington Fire District; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Arlington Fire District, as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, directs that there shall be a referendum of eligible voters of the Arlington Fire District to determine whether the Service Award Program shall be amended effective January 1, 1999.

For each year of service credit earned, a participant shall be paid a \$20 monthly Service Award in the form of a ten year continuous and certain life annuity.

Should the eligible voters of the Arlington Fire District approve this amendment, persons who continue to be active volunteer firefighters of the Arlington Fire District after attaining the Entitlement Age and after beginning to receive payment of his or her Accrued Service Award, shall continue to have the opportunity to earn service credit under the Point System (up to a maximum of 40 years) and thereby increase their monthly payment Service Award. The additional monthly Service Award payments earned during a calendar year by a participant after attainment of the Entitlement Age shall commence to be paid as of the January 1 in the next succeeding calendar year.

All other provisions of the Arlington Fire District Service Award Program which require voter approval shall not change and the Program shall continue to be administered by the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, as such law is amended from time to time.

Such public referendum of the Arlington Fire District shall take place on April 13, 1999 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time at Fire District Headquarters, 11 Burnett Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, New York.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Richardson to approve the aforementioned Resolution.

- Motion Carried.

3. Donation checks for Four Company Fund, getting inquiries about why its taking long.  
Treasurer Passikoff stated that he signed a check for Four Company Fund the day after the meeting. Deputy Chief Pells stated that we will cross reference the Board Meetings.

B. Chairman Lahey - No Items.

C. Comm. Richardson - No Items.

D. Comm. Philipp - No Items.

## IX. CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS

A. Chief John Hellmann

1. Bids went out for new ambulance & 32-97 and due back March 12<sup>th</sup>, in which time Committee will review and get back with the Board which one they recommend.

B. Assistant Chief Phillips

1. Parade List sent out. Bands are booked, Contracts are being signed. Needs Board to approve Station 5 Community Day Band, the New Fairfield Sparklers for \$575.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Richardson to approve the Band for the Community Day on June 5, 1999 in the amount of \$575.00.

- Motion Carried.

2. Fire Line donation needed.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp to purchase the same amount of Fire Line issues as last year for the Arlington Fire District.

- Motion Carried.

3. Westchester Judges will be at AFD Headquarters on Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Need Commissioners to show up.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Chiumento that the Board of Fire Commissioners order the members of the Arlington Fire District in the nine parades as outlined by the Parade Committee with the District Inspection Parade being held on June 5, 1999 at Spackenkill Community Day.

- Motion Carried.

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

A. Treasurer Jim Passikoff

1. Getting money from Town of Poughkeepsie on Friday.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento that we adjourn to Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:49 p.m and returned to Open Session.

XII. **ABSTRACT 3A**

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Richardson to approve Abstract 3A in the amount of \$105, 424.93, consisting of 139 transactions charged to 40 accounts.

- Motion Carried.

XIII. **FIREFIGHTERS**

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Richardson to appoint the following two firefighters, in seniority order, to begin on Thursday, April 1, 1999:

1. John Ortiz
2. Chris Quinby

- Motion Carried.

XIV. **INTERNET & E-MAIL POLICY**

A motion was made by Comm. Lahey and seconded Comm. Richardson to approve Deputy Chief Pells E-mail and Internet use memo policy.

- Motion Carried.

*Copies have been distributed and are available at Headquarters. See Secretary Gaddis for copies if you do not have one.*

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Philipp that we adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renee Gaddis". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Renee Gaddis  
District Secretary