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# Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

# BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONER'S MONTHLY MEETING April 12, 2006

ATTENDEES: Comm. Ralph Chiumento - Chairman

Comm. Patrick Rose (absent) Comm. Norman Comerford Comm. Ann Bollmann (absent) Comm. Kenneth Muckenhaupt

Attorney: Gerard Comatos
Treasurer: James Passikoff
Secretary: Renee O'Neill

Chairman Chiumento opened the meeting of the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting at 7:30 p.m., with a roll call and pledge of allegiance.

I. Comm. Chiumento requested Comm. Comerford and Comm. Muckenhaupt to review Abstract 4A.

# II. MINUTES

- A. March 29, 2006 Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting
  A motion was made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Comerford to approve the Minutes as printed.
  - Motion Carried, 3-0.
- III. MONTHLY REPORTS No reports given unless otherwise noted below
  - A. Buildings and Grounds Comm. Rose
  - B. Union Negotiations & Contract Comm. Muckenhaupt & Comm. Chiumento
    - 1. Comm. Chiumento One (1) Contractual Item for Executive Session
    - 2. Comm. Muckenhaupt One (1) Contractual Item for Executive Session.
  - C. Volunteer Liaison Comm. Bollmann
  - D. Service Awards Comm. Chiumento

- E. Volunteer Recruitment Comm. Muckenhaupt
- F. District Inspection Chief Staff
- G. District Officers/Chief's Liaison Comm. Comerford
- H. EMS & Paramedic Liaison Comm. Bollmann
- I. Capital Equipment Comm. Comerford & Comm. Muckenhaupt
- J. Equipment Maintenance Comm. Rose
- K. Career Staff Liaison Comm. Rose
- L. Substation Comm. Comerford
- M. Public Relations -Comm. Muckenhaupt
- N. Lease Committee Comm. Muckenhaupt

# IV. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

- A. Letter dated March 29, 2006 from Attorney Comatos to McCabe & Mack, attorneys for Faith Assembly of God, requesting a meeting regarding the premises on Boardman Road entitling Arlington to an option to acquire a portion of the premises for substation purposes.
- B. Fund Raising Event Form received April 3, 2006 from Croft Corners Fire Company requesting to conduct a fund raising event on May 20, 2006 at Spackenkill High School from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for an Illusion Show featuring John Shaw.

A motion was made by Comm. Comerford and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to approve the fund raising event for Croft Corners Fire Company on May 20, 2006 at Spackenkill High School from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- Motion Carried, 3-0.
- C. Letter dated March 31, 2006 from Senator Stephen Salad informing us that the 2006-2007 State Budget includes an income tax credit for Volunteer Firefighters or Volunteer Ambulance workers. Credit is \$200, but must be active for entire taxable year. Some municipalities allow a real property tax exemption; can take advantage of the new credit or the real property exemption, but not both.

# V. **DONATIONS**

A motion was made by Comm. Comerford and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to turnover 4/5ths of the total amount to the four companies and 1/5th to the Union. TOTAL: \$100.00

<u>NAME</u> <u>REASON</u>

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Motion Carried, 3-0.

#### VI. SCHOOL REQUESTS

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

A. Christopher Rinck: "NYS Mask Confidence", April 23, 2006 at AFD HQ.

- B. "EVOC", May 3, 8, 10, & 13, 2006 at a location TBD.
  - 1. Michael Pantaline
  - 2. Christopher Rinck
- C. FF Al Schoessow: "Basic Trench Collapse Concepts", May 5, 2006 at Camp Smith.
- D. William Richardson: "Firefighter I", July 10, 2006 at DCDER.
- E. FF Jasen West: "Health and Safety Officer", October 21 22, 2006 at Camp Smith.

Comm. Chiumento asked if DC Pells had any additional requests and DC Pells stated that he's not presenting anymore at the time of the meeting. The requests must be on the agenda prior to the meeting for approval.

- Motion Carried, 3-0.
- VII. <u>COMMISSIONERS ITEMS</u> -No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted
  - A. Comm. Comerford One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session
  - B. Comm. Chiumento One (1) Contractual Item for Executive Session
  - C. Comm. Muckenhaupt One (1) Contractual Item for Executive Session

# VIII. CHIEFS / ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Chief David Roberts, Sr.
  - 1. Quarterly meeting with the Volunteer Companies Meeting in May with Station 4, will be discussing the renovations in the Captains Office.
  - 2. Radios Inventory Will have a sign in / sign out sheet. High dollar items will be secured in the room by Deputy Chiefs office.

    Comm. Comerford asked if there was any new updates on the missing radios. Chief Roberts stated no, except that a report has been filed with the Police and our insurance company.
  - 3. Memorial Service scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - 4. Specs for Rescue Pumper getting finalized.
  - 5. Chiefs Council Meeting Minutes have been published.
  - 6. RE: IBM Infrastructure Comm. Muckenhaupt stated that Chief Roberts and himself have to do a followup phone call. The main person needed for the conversation was not available.
  - 7. Pinnacle Achievement: Leadership training will take place week of May 21, with the Teaming training sometime in August or September.

- B. Deputy Chief Jeff Pells
  - 1. HQ Renovations: received preliminary drawings. Will need guidance on next step.
  - 2. Phones getting three quotes to see if we can get it under \$10K so we don't have to go out for competitive bid.
  - 3. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session.

The Commissioners reviewed the preliminary drawings for the HQ renovations and directed DC Pells to continue to bid.

- C. EMS Director John Kloepfer No Items.
- D. Assistant Chief Eric DelSanto
  - 1. Will have quarterly training report next meeting.
- E. Assistant Chief Kevin Finnigan No Items.
- F. Assistant Chief Eric Phillip
  - 1. Requesting approval from the Board to have a class on the Line of Duty Death Protocol for the District on July 15, 2006, 8 AM to 4:30 PM at Station 5. Cost would be \$175 for the instructor (lodging and meals) and contract offers three free seats in the class; After the three it will be \$95 per person. Need a minium of 12 people in class, but not to exceed 40. Have had requests from other agencies. Only need to provide refreshments in the morning and afternoon.

A motion was made by Comm. Comerford and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to approve the LODD class offered on July 15<sup>th</sup> at Station 5.

- Motion Carried, 3-0.
- G. Assistant EMS Director Dave Violante
  - 1. Requesting approval from the Board to hold a presentation of his recent medical relief mission trip to Pakistan at Station 3 on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All is welcome, including families.

A motion was made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Comerford to approve the use of Station 3 on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m for his presentation.

- Motion Carried, 3-0
- H. Treasurer Jim Passikoff No Items.
- I. Attorney Gerard Comatos
  - 1. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session

# IX. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

A. <u>Leslie Carroll</u> - Suggested to the Board to amend their volunteer membership application for those who wish to volunteer with the Fire District for community

services, not firematically or EMS. Only because she is offering a proposal of a Crisis Team, which she developed in Phoenix Arizona, for Arlington Fire District. It would be a total volunteer team. Would assist in helping family or friends in a crisis, on scene, while the firemen or EMS workers assist the patient. Whether it be to make phone calls or just to talk to them, so the public knows that someone is there to help them to understand the situation.

Attorney Comatos will look into the NYS laws on liability issues and doing something like this and will get back to the Chief. Comm. Comerford suggested that she present her proposal to the Chiefs Council because they have say at a fire scene, on the operations not them. All of the Board members, including the Chief and Deputy Chief, like this idea and will look into it further.

- B. FF Vincent Lopez
  - 1. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session.
- X. <u>COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS</u> -No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted

With no further open items to discuss, a motion was made by Comm. Comerford and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt to take a five minute break and then adjourn to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

- Motion Carried, 3-0

# XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

#### XII. OPEN ITEMS

A motion was made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Comerford that the lease agreement that has been drawn up between the Arlington Fire District and the Croft Corners Fire Company, retroactive to January 1, 2006 be adopted by the District.

- Motion Carried, 3-0

#### XIII. ABSTRACT

A motion was made by Comm. Muckenhaupt and seconded by Comm. Comerford to approve abstract 4A in the amount of \$189,127.22 consisting of 122 transactions.

- Motion Carried, 3-0.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Comerford and seconded by Comm. Muckenhaupt that we adjourn.

- Motion Carried, 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O'Neill Fire District Secretary