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## Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard  
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

### BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' MONTHLY MEETING May 9, 2000

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

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

Acting Chairman Chiumento opened the meeting of the Arlington Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

I. Comm. Chiumento requested Comm. Pells and Comm. Philipp to review Abstract 5A.

#### II. MINUTES

A. April 26, 2000 Board of Fire Commissioners' Workshop Meeting.  
A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Philipp to approve the Minutes with the following amendment.

1. ADD to Section III, Monthly Reports, Letter I.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, there is hereby appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund of the Arlington Fire District in the Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, the sum not to exceed \$170,000.00 to finance, pay for, and be applied toward the purchase of Emergency Response Vehicles with related equipment, accessories and appurtenances.

This foregoing resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

- Motion Carried.

### III. MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. Training Report - April 2000
- B. Fire Prevention Bureau Report - April 2000
- C. Service Awards Comm. Chiumento
  - 1. Was notified by one member that there was an error in the Service Award letters regarding not earning credit for 1999, when they did. Most likely it is the actuary's mistake. It did show on the summary page, but the letters may be in error. Comm. Chiumento wants everyone to double check their letters and he will contact PenFlex.
- D. District Inspections Chiefs - No Report.
- E. District Officers/Chief Liaison Chairman Richardson (absent)
- F. Sub Station Chairman Richardson (absent)
- G. EMS & Paramedic Liaison Comm. Lahey (absent)
- H. Public Relations Chairman Richardson (absent)
- I. Equipment Maintenance Chairman Richardson (absent)
- J. Building & Grounds Comm. Philipp - No Report.
- K. Capital Equipment Comm. Philipp
  - 1. Went to E-One for pre-build meeting. Started building. Approximately nine months to a year for completion. A/C will be added.
- L. Union Negotiations & Contract Comm. Lahey & Comm. Chiumento - No Report.
- M. Career Staff Liaison Comm. Lahey (absent)
- N. Volunteer Recruitment Comm. Philipp - No Report.
- O. Volunteer Liaison Comm. Pells
  - 1. Will be meeting with Red Oaks Mill this week.
  - 2. Toured the new Roosevelt Fire House. Would like the other Commissioners to visit facility. The Commissioners at Roosevelt will see that we get a set of plans.

### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Thank you card received April 27, 2000 from Mary Grunow thanking AFD for the flowers arrangement in memory of her mother, Agnes Ryder.

### V. PERSONNEL

- A. Letter dated May 2, 2000 from Captain Juavinett, Station 4, regarding dropping James Buell from active roles of the Arlington Fire District.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells to drop James Buell from active roles of the Arlington Fire District.

- Motion Carried.

- B. Letter dated April 30, 2000 from EMS Director Kloepper regarding removing Robert Hanaburgh, Sr. from EMS roles for failure to meet 1999 CME requirements.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells to remove Robert Hanaburgh, Sr. from EMS roles for failure to meet 1999 CME requirements.

- Motion Carried.

- C. Memo dated April 28, 2000 to All District Personnel from Chief Phillips regarding 2000 Parade Assignments.

## VI. **DONATIONS**

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Rose Baum Kraut	Assistance Received

**TOTAL: \$25.00**

- Motion Carried.

## VII. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

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

- A. FF Eric Philipp: "Dutchess County Training Center Recert", May 9, 2000 at DCTC.

- Motion Carried.

## VIII. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

- A. Comm. Chiumento
1. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session.
  2. One (1) Legal Item for Executive Session.
  3. Attended conference in Lake Placid - spoke about Health Department protocols put out last year regarding response of ambulances and EMS cars. Speaker told them, and Comm. Chiumento is waiting for it in print, that they reversed the old philosophy, assuming on basis of the call whether it is a true emergency or not. EMS Director Kloepper stated he will review policy.

- B. Comm. Philipp - No Items.
- C. Comm. Pells - No Items.

IX. **CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS**

- A. Chief Bill Phillips
  - 1. One Item for Executive Session.
  - 2. Silent Running Policy - will be tabled until Workshop meeting, due to lack of Commissioners to discuss.
  - 3. Wanted to know if a plaque was done for John Hellmann.
    - DC Pells stated that it was already taken care of.
- B. Deputy Chief Pells
  - 1. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session
  - 2. Wanted clarification on requirements for Chief officers and Company officers.
    - A. Are the Commissioners going to be looking at making recommendations or requirements for company officers? (Presently is states recommendations)
    - B. Comm. Chiumento stated that each company has their own bylaws, which has requirements. The company has the right to waive certain requirements. If the Board adopted them, then they don't have the right. They would have to come to the Board for each exception they would want. The Board has the right to require, but not a nomination on a company level.
    - C. Comm. Chiumento suggested that DC Pells e-mail each Commissioner for their opinion, then get a consensus.
  - 3. Plymo-vent Specs.
    - A. DC Pells stated that it would take care of the vehicles here now, and also take care of the Grievance.
    - B. DC Pells stated that it is \$21, 800 with three connections. Comm. Philipp stated that two is sufficient, Comm. Chiumento and Comm. Pells agreed.

A motion was made by Comm. Pells and seconded by Comm. Philipp to purchase two (2) Plymo-vent systems.

- Motion Carried.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, there is hereby appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund of the Arlington Fire District in the Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, the sum not to exceed \$20, 000.00 to finance, pay for, and be applied toward the purchase of two (2) Plymo-vents systems to be installed at Arlington Fire District Headquarters with related equipment and accessories.

This foregoing resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells to adopt the aforementioned resolution.

- Motion Carried.

4. Pursuant to Grievance 2000-2, offered at last meeting to up the manning to one person twenty-four hours a day. Union has addendum they want signed. It is adjusting the staffing certification in the District overtime guidelines which reflects the increase from four firefighters to five firefighters. Has an expiration of December 31, 2000, or sooner, but no later than. Understanding of a two week written notice when we are going to stop it.

- A. Comm. Chiumento suggested a one week written notice instead.

5. Rules and Regulations - Leave of absence

- A. "Active member requirements" and "Active member - current members requirements" having to do with leave of absence. Need a schedule on members who takes a leave of absence from the fire district or outside the district. Specifically someone who has gone and has had no touch with the district. Read amendment. (*Hard Copy Attached*)

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells to approve the amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

- Motion Carried.

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

- A. EMS Director John Kloepfer
  - 1. One (1) Personnel Item for Executive Session.
  - 2. Lyme Disease Vaccinations discussion from last meeting.
    - A. In pamphlet, it states that public employers are required, but not required for fire departments. Assistant EMS Director Violante contacted Kevin Cox, who stated its mainly for employees who work as forest rangers, surveyors, etc., not for firefighters. Carol Butte was also contacted, she said the same thing, unless your in a high risk area. Dutchess County is one of the highest risk areas.
    - B. DC Pells suggested to have the District cover co-payments for those who submit the shot to insurance and cover the whole cost for those who do not have insurance.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. Philipp to adopt a Lyme Disease education, via pamphlets mailed with an accompanying letter offering to pick up the co-pay or whatever the insurance doesn't cover for the cost of the shots, if they desire to get the shots and to investigate getting a video.

- Motion Carried.

- B. Christine O'Shea - Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee
  - 1. Has received six applications for membership
  - 2. Orientation is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - 3. Working with the Chief to distribute a questionnaire to the companies to rectify problems.

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells to approve John Juavinett, Jr. for Station 4, Firefighter, 16-17 year olds.

- Motion Carried.

- C. Carl Davidson - Station 5
  - 1. In February, Engine 5 did not reply to the Chief Council regarding a proposal. He made a commitment to DC Pells as soon as they received the requirements on the proposal, they would reply. They got the proposal on March 11<sup>th</sup> and the first response was March 14<sup>th</sup>, second response was on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Still have not received an acknowledgment or reply from the Chiefs Council to this date.
    - A. DC Pells stated that the letter was from the Chiefs Council, but the response from Station 5

was directed to himself, not to the Chiefs Council.

- B. Comm. Chiumento suggested that DC Pells contact Carl via phone and further discuss.

D. Chip Grundon , Local 2393 President

- 1. Wanted to know status of EMT fly cars - Any further updates, or when they plan on putting them in service.
  - A. Chief Phillips stated that he is working on it.
- 2. Items for Executive Session.

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

- Motion Carried.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:42 p.m and returned to Open Session.

XII. **ABSTRACT 5A**

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells to approve Abstract 5A in the amount of \$34, 210.69, consisting of 124 transactions.

- Motion Carried.

XIII. **PAY RAISE**

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells to raise Diane Harter's salary to \$9.75 per hour.

- Motion Carried.

XIV. **OPEN ITEMS**

The Board of Fire Commissioners has asked DC Pells to compose a letter to be sent to the Town regarding the lack a receipts from Lutheran Care and suggesting they pull the CO and also suggesting not to approve any further construction on the site. This letter will be sent to officially state our position even though our attorney has been in contact with their attorney.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Pells that we adjourn at (*no time given*)

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Gaddis  
District Secretary

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