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Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' WORKSHOP MEETING June 30, 1999

ATTENDEES:

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

Attorney: Gerard Comatos (absent)
Treasurer: James Passikoff (arrived at 8:35 p.m.)
Secretary: Renee Gaddis

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

The meeting was turned over to Deputy Chief Jeff Pells to present certificates and medals to the following for their outstanding performance for the saving of a life at Spackenkill High School on May 26, 1999:

1. Lt. Jim Snyder
2. FF Robert Matragrano
3. FF Howard Adams
4. Town of Poughkeepsie Police Officer Bruce Griffing, Jr.

Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Thomas Murphy was also in attendance. This award was presented to Spackenkill School Nurse Gayle Johnson on June 14, 1999.

The following were also recognized for this award but were not in attendance:

1. Town of Poughkeepsie Police Officer Ron Spero
2. FF Stephen Inglis
3. FF Paul Galletta
4. Fire Inspector Patrick Rose
5. FF Christopher Sample

The Workshop meeting was back in order at 7:35 p.m.

- I. Comm. Lahey requested Comm. Philipp and Comm. Richardson to review Abstract 6B.

II. MINUTES

- A. June 8, 1999 Board of Fire Commissioners' Monthly Meeting.
A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. McCourt to approve the Minutes as printed.
- Motion Carried.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Plaque received June 16, 1999 for the Arlington Fire District from Rehab Programs thanking AFD for services to their volunteers.
Comm. Lahey stated that he would like this hung.
- B. Thank you card, received June 11, 1999 from Janet Doyle, thanking AFD for responding to so many times. Her husband passed away June 2, 1999.

IV. PERSONNEL

- A. Memo dated June 17, 1999 from Chief Hellmann to All Personnel regarding no smoking in District Vehicles or Equipment.
- B. Letter dated June 15, 1999 from FF Steven Tuttle to the Board of Fire Commissioners and DC Pells thanking them for allowing him to attend the FAST Training in Syracuse.
- C. Letter dated June 14, 1999 from FF Howard Adams to the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting a transfer to LaGrange Fire District

V. DONATIONS

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Anna Gates	Transportation	\$ 25.00
Club 60 Senior Citizens	In Memory of Lillian Ackert	\$ 25.00
Evelyn Conners	In Memory of Lillian Ackert	\$ 85.00
The Bain Family	Assistance received for son at Spackenkill HS	\$100. 00
Ronald Rudolph	Assistance Received	\$50. 00
Muriel Driscoll	Assistance Received For Husband	\$300. 00
Evelyn Conners	In Memory of Edwin Furaso	\$10. 00

- Motion Carried.

VI. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

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

- A. Lt. Rick Andersen: "NYS Fire Instructors Conference", August 2 - 5, 1999 at Montour Falls.
- B. FF Lou Cassinelli: "Advanced Rope", August 21 - 22, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- C. FF Pete Davis: "Basic Structural Collapse Operations", August 21, 1999 at Camp Smith.
- D. FF Stephen Inglis: "PVS Ambulance Driver Training Program", September 11, 1999 at Limerock Race Track, Lakeville, CT.
- E. FF Steven Tuttle: "PVS Ambulance Driver Training Program", September 11, 1999 at Limerock Race Track, Lakeville, CT.

- Motion Carried.

VII. **RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, there is hereby appropriated from the capital improvement reserve fund of the Arlington Fire District in the Town of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, the sum not to exceed \$40, 000.00 to finance, pay for, and applied toward the cost of the installation of a mezzanine at Fire District Headquarters at 11 Burnett Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, New York.

The foregoing resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.

A motion was made by Comm. Chiumento and seconded by Comm. McCourt to approve the aforementioned resolution.

- Motion Carried.

Secretary Gaddis stated that this will be printed in Saturday's Poughkeepsie Journal.

VIII. **COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

- A. Chairman Lahey
 - 1. One (1) Item for Executive Session
- B. Comm. McCourt - No Items.
- C. Comm. Richardson - Defer Items until after Executive Session.
- D. Comm. Chiumento
 - 1. Reviewed Rules and Regulations, there are areas that he never knew that Board approved. Will go over later.
 - 2. Ongoing concern with information that Chief's Council is putting out regarding Operating Guidelines, without coming to the Board first. Board of Fire Commissioners has no knowledge of.
 - Discussion with Deputy Chief Pells and the Board regarding liability issues and tones.
 - Deputy Chief Pells stated that he wants to defer this subject until Chief Hellmann comes back from vacation. Comm. Richardson agreed that he also wants Attorney Comatos present.
- E. Comm. Philipp - No Items.

IX. **CHIEFS ITEMS/COMMENTS**

- A. Deputy Chief Pells
 - 1. Prices are in for the Thermal Imaging Cameras. Vassar agreed to pay for one.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm.

Philipp to accept the bids received for the Thermal Imaging Camera on June 15, 1999.

- Motion Carried.

2. Ambulance - delay on it because of the suspension system being put on. Expected delivery date of August or September.
3. Rochdale Lease Agreement - Needs signatures.
- President Brian Mallet and Chairman Paul Lahey signed the Rochdale Lease Agreement.
4. Rochdale has gotten initial prices from a bank for lending, approx. \$50, 000.00. Needs more money, could get more if District would commit to using the space, commitment of square footage. For a bay and a second floor.

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

- A. EMS Director John Kloefer
 1. Pursing a Patient Pilot Project with the NYS Health Department, on recertification. Allows EMT's and Paramedics to recertify their certification through a different process. This allows them to recertify though a CME process, i.e, classes, audits. Can be renewed without taking exams. Process taught by certified CIC. Letter of intent was forwarded to the State, volunteer basis, letters were sent to Career Staff for any interest. If operation works well with Career Staff, will pursue with Volunteers.
- B. Director of Volunteer Recruitment Larry Rosen
 1. One (1) applicant interview for Executive Session
- C. President Brian Mallet - Rochdale
 1. Stated that he's on the Future's Committee and is confused what tasks the Board wants from the Committee. Is it a viable Committee?

Comm. Richardson responded by stating that the Board has not received any reports from the Committee

Discussion regarding volunteers, statistics, manning of houses, short term vs. long term
- D. Local 2393 President Lisa Monaco

1. Wanted to know if letter from Croft regarding short term intentions was received by the Board.

Board stated that they have not received anything.

E. Treasurer Jim Passikoff

1. Presented Board with a copy of the May 1999 Financial Report for the District.

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. McCourt that we adjourn to Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m and returned to Open Session.

XII. **SOUTH END**

Comm. Richardson discussed proposal of purchasing property in Cambridge Learning Center property on Boardman Road. Would want medics in there immediately. First building could be used for EMS operations, second building could be for bunk room, day room, work out room. In the future, proposes a heavy rescue truck, to be manned by paid staff.

Comm. McCourt responded to Comm. Richardson's proposals by stating that his concern is Route 9 and where the majority of calls are.

Discussion regarding prices with Treasurer Passikoff and Board.

Discussion regarding tones, times of dispatch.

XIII. **PARAMEDIC SCHOOL**

A motion was made by Comm. Philipp and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to accept the following three additional members to paramedic school. FF Gary Lewis, FF Virginia Ashline and FF Keith Rutbell.

- Motion Carried.

XIV. **MEMBERSHIPS**

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. Chiumento to accept the following for members of the Arlington Fire District:

1. Noel Dillon - FF, Station 4
2. Sagar Kothari - FF/EMS, Station 3
3. Stanley Nack, Sr. - FP, Station 4
4. David Spooner - EMS, Station 1

- Motion Carried.

XV. **ABSTRACT 6B**

A motion was made by Comm. Richardson and seconded by Comm. McCourt to

approve Abstract 6B in the amount of \$ 106, 713.73, consisting of 161 transactions charged to 49 accounts.

- Motion Carried.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. McCourt and seconded by Comm. Chiumento that we adjourn at 10:29 p.m.

- Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Renee Gaddis", followed by a vertical line.

Renee Gaddis
District Secretary