

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 10, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioners: Daly, Weitz, Nappi and Chairman Woehrle.

Also Present: Treasurer Splendido, Secretary Versocki, Chief Lingenfelter, Attorney Hayner, Chief Dietrich, 1st Asst. Chief Elliott, Chief J. Battiste Lt. J. Vena, Lt. Sweet, FF/P Agans, FF/P Griffiths, L. Solano and GBFC President A. Connelly.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Woehrle.

Motion Daly/ Second/Weitz: To approve the minutes of the September 12, 2012 regular monthly meeting as read. Passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter from The Grand Blvd. Fire Co. stating that firefighter Robert Moll of 209 Tamar Rd. Niskayuna, NY 12309 was removed for failure to successfully complete his probationary period. The Fire Company members ask that Mr. Moll be removed from the Fire District Rolls.
- At their business meeting on October 8, 2012 the members of The Grand Blvd. Fire Co. voted to add the following perspective member pending the results of a complete physical and arson background check: Jonathan Warczak of 12 Gloria Lane Niskayuna, NY 12309. The Fire Company members ask that his name be added to the district rolls.
- At their business meeting on October 8, 2012 the members of The Grand Blvd. Fire Co. voted to add the following perspective member pending the results of a complete physical and arson background check and verification that he has resigned from Niskayuna Fire District # 2: Adam G. Henery of 1455 Dorwaldt Blvd. Niskayuna, NY 12309. The Fire Company members ask that his name be added to the district rolls.
- A letter from The Grand Blvd. Fire Co. requesting that Richard C. Fritz Jr. be granted a change in status from Career Firefighter/Paramedic to Grand Blvd. Fire Co. Volunteer Firefighter/EMS member.
- The incident participation statistics through September 2012 were reported.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Nothing.

BILLS: Motion Nappi 2nd/ Weitz: To pay bills for corresponding check #'s 12910 - 12964 from September 13, 2012 thru October 10, 2012 totaling \$92,880.10 as reviewed. Passed 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Splendido Reported:

- Of the \$4.8 million dollar bond a balance of \$161,256.53 is remaining.
- The reserve accounts were reviewed with a total balance of \$1,149,015.71.
- The comparison sheet for September 2011 & 2012 were reviewed by each line item.
- Budget versus actual expenses through September 2012 were reviewed. We are 75% through the year and we remain under budget spent.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Hayner Reported:

- I have issues to discuss pertaining to property acquisition and building renovation/addition litigation that should be brought up during an executive session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No Report.

INSURANCE: No Report.

MEDIA RELATIONS: No Report.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Engine 403 "for sale" add came out in print this week.
- Paint repair work on Truck 405 has been completed. Frank & Sons did a great job.

COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES: No Report.

EMS & EQUIPMENT:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- The controlled substances safe was repaired.

FACILITIES:

Commissioner Woehrle Reported:

- I have a meeting on Friday to discuss the possibility of utilizing solar power for the Balltown Rd. station.
- A preliminary estimate to re-surface the Balltown Rd. driveway and pavilion area is \$5,400.
- An estimate for roof work at The River Rd. Station totals \$52,400.

ELECTIONS:

Commissioner Weitz Reported:

- Commissioner Daly's term ends this year.
- The last day to file petitions for candidates of the office of Fire Commissioner for a 5 year term is November 21, 2012.

PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS:

1st Assistant Chief Elliott Reported:

- All turnout gear has been inspected and we have a vendor coming in to do patch and repair work.

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM: No Report.

INSPECTION & INSTALLATION: No Report.

FIRE STATION ADDITION/RENOVATION:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Final pay applications have been received from all contractors with the exception of Bunkoff - General Contracting who has yet to complete their punch list items.
- Semi-annual elevator inspection is being scheduled.
- Preventive maintenance proposals are being sought for the Balltown Road station HVAC systems.

REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Probationary firefighters May and Plakas have completed 7 of the 13 week probationary training program at the Utica Fire Academy.
- Promotional interviews were conducted in September with a recommendation forwarded to the board for both Lieutenant/Paramedic and Captain/Paramedic positions.
- The preliminary budget proposal has been completed.
- **I am Requesting authorization for Volunteer Chief Dietrich to attend the Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings class in New Mexico.** The training and travel expenses are federally funded so no cost will be incurred by the fire district.
- The 2012 poster show assemblies are under way.
- **I am Requesting authorization to send up to 4 firefighters to the Leadership Symposium in Binghamton, NY on October 25th and 26th 2012 at a cost of \$325.00 per firefighter including.**
- The PFA has requested permission to wear pink trimmed T-shirts for the month of October in recognition of breast cancer awareness month. Many departments have been taking similar steps to raise awareness and have received very positive public feedback for their efforts. This disease has hit us here in the department this year and I am sure many of us at a personal level as well. The PFA will cover the cost associated with the T-shirts and their usage will be limited to the month of October. **I fully support their efforts and would recommend the board approve the PFA request to wear the t-shirts as part of their duty uniform.**

Department Activity

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
September Incidents	168	151
EMS	107	103
Fire/Other	61	48
YTD Incidents	1334	1481* (9/30)

* reflects tropical storm Irene response numbers

Other Activities:

Emergency Callback	38	Hours
Fire Company Drill	24	Hours
Fire/EMS/Codes In-Service Training	11	Hours

Chief Dietrich: Grand Blvd. Fire Co. call and drill participation has become increasingly low. This needs to counteracted.

Chief Elliott: No Report.

Report of the Niskayuna Permanent Fireman's Association: No Report.

Report of the Grand Boulevard Fire Company: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion/ Nappi /Second Weitz: To remove probationary firefighter Robert Moll of 209 Tamar Rd. Niskayuna, NY 12309 from The Fire District rolls. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi/Second Daly: To approve Jonathan Warczak of 12 Gloria Lane Niskayuna, NY 12309 as a probationary firefighter/EMS member pending the results of a complete physical and arson background check.. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi/Second Daly: To approve Adam Henery of 1455 Dorwaldt Blvd. Niskayuna, NY 12309 as a probationary firefighter/EMS member pending the results of a complete physical and arson background check and verification of resignation from Niskayuna Fire District # 2. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi/Second Weitz: That Richard C. Fritz Jr. be granted a change in status from Career Firefighter/Paramedic to Grand Blvd. Fire Co. Volunteer Firefighter/EMS member effective October 15, 2012. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi /Second Daly: To allow Captain Richard C. Fritz Jr. to keep his helmet & shield upon retirement from the career department effective October 15, 2012. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Daly /Second Weitz: To authorize Chief Dietrich to attend the Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings class in New Mexico with no incurred by the fire district. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Daly /Second Nappi: To authorize sending up to 4 firefighters to the Leadership Symposium in Binghamton, NY on October 25th and 26th 2012 at a cost of \$325.00 per firefighter. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Weitz /Second Nappi: To authorize the PFA & GBFC to wear pink trimmed T-shirts for the month of October in recognition of breast cancer awareness month. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi /Second Weitz: To adjourn to executive session at 7:41 p.m. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Daly /Second Nappi: To return to regular session at 8:24 p.m. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi /Second Daly: To authorize Treasurer Splendido to draft a check in the amount of \$56,076 payable to Couch White Attorneys. The check amount will be placed into an escrow account payable to Bunkoff General Contractors when punch list has been completed per Mr. Chip Gordons recommendations. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Daly/Second Weitz: To purchase the property located at 1071 Balltown Rd. Niskayuna, NY 12309 from Mr. Steven Futyma in the amount of \$72,000.00 with funds to be taken from the building reserve account (subject to a permissive referendum). Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi /Second Weitz: To authorize Secretary Versocki to submit a permissive referendum to The Gazette legal notices for permission to utilize funds in the amount of \$72,000.00 from the building reserve account to purchase property at 1071 Balltown Rd. Niskayuna, NY 12309. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi /Second Daly: To promote Firefighter / Paramedic Patrick Griffiths to the position of Fire Lieutenant / Paramedic effective October 16, 2012 with a probationary period as required by Schenectady County Civil Service.

The Secretary will call the Roll:

Commissioner Thomas Nappi Yes X

Commissioner Steven Weitz Yes X

Commissioner Vincent Daly Yes X

Commissioner Edward Woehrle Yes X

The Resolution Passed 4 – 0

Motion/ Daly/Second Weitz: To promote Fire Lieutenant / Paramedic James Vena to the position of Fire Captain / Paramedic effective October 16, 2012 with a probationary period as required by Schenectady County Civil Service.

The Secretary will call the Roll:

Commissioner Thomas Nappi **Yes X**

Commissioner Steven Weitz **Yes X**

Commissioner Vincent Daly **Yes X**

Commissioner Edward Woehrle **Abstain X**

The Resolution Passed 3 – 0 – 1

Motion Nappi /Second Daly: To adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Passed 4-0.

The public 2013 proposed budget meeting will be held Tuesday October 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting to approve the 2013 budget will be held Tuesday October 16, 2012 immediately preceding the public budget meeting.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Versocki

Fire District No. 1 Secretary