

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 9, 2013

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

Also Present: Treasurer Splendido, Secretary Versocki, Attorney Hayner
Chief Lingenfelter, Chief Dietrich, FF/P J. Baker, David Pacheco
Nicholas Turner & Cpt. J. Vena.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Woehrle.

Motion/ Weitz, 2nd Murray: To approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013 regular monthly meeting as read. Passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The 2012 Annual Report for the Fire Districts of New York Mutual Insurance Company Inc.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Mr. Nickolas Turner of 1438 Valencia Road asked to address the commissioners about being removed from The Grand Blvd. Fire Company. He cited having been on military duty and felt he was unfairly removed as a fire company member. Mr. Turner requested that The Board of Fire Commissioners reinstate him as a Grand Blvd. Fire Company member. Commissioner Woehrle explained that since the Grand Blvd. Fire Company removed him as a member he should contact them about anything they took action about. The commissioners may be the authority for the fire district, but can only appoint career members and vote to accept GBFC members. Commissioner Woehrle recommended that Mr. Turner contact Chief Lingenfelter who is available during the day or plan to attend a GBFC meeting and address the Fire Company.

BILLS: Commissioner Woehrle stated that he has reviewed all the bills.

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Daly: To pay bills for corresponding check #'s 13575 -13634
From September 12, 2013 thru October 9, 2013 totaling \$89,749.09 as reviewed. Passed 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Splendido Reported:

- The reserve accounts were reviewed.
- The comparison sheets for September 2012 vs. 2013 were reviewed.
- Budget versus actual expenses through September 2013 were reviewed. We are 75% through the year and have spent 80% of the budget.
- A new report generated at Commissioner Murray's request for Actual expense vs. budget was reviewed for January – September 2013.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Hayner Reported:

- Since the last meeting I have received additional information based on a similar issue from Long Island. According to the American Civil Liberties Union it is unconstitutional or discriminatory to refuse membership based on being a legal alien.
- I also researched an issue raised as whether or not the River Rd Station needed to be manned as part of an agreement with General Electric for the land which that station was built upon. According to the Honorable Barry Kramer (the legal counsel in that process) and former Board chairman/commissioner Mike Fritz, neither can recall any written agreement that required the River Rd. station to be manned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Commissioner Murray Reported:

- The public meeting for the proposed 2014 District Budget will be held Tuesday October 15, 2013 at 7 p.m.

INSURANCE: No Report.

MEDIA RELATIONS: No Report.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Minor repairs to Truck 405 pump.
- Test gauges purchased and assembled in preparation for annual pump testing.

COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES:

Commissioner Woehrle Reported:

- New pagers have been received and are in the process of being labeled, inventoried and programmed for distribution.

EMS & EQUIPMENT: No Report.

HEALTH & SAFETY: No Report.

FACILITIES:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Stamped concrete has been completed. The layout was modified and resulted in a savings of approximately \$5,500.
- Firefighter Kevin Holmes is currently doing the landscaping work for the memorial park.
- The water leak coming through the sheet rock on the East wall in the GBFC recreation room was evaluated.

- District Architect David Pacheco reported that those walls have the mildew resistant type sheet rock. We think that there was moisture build-up due to extreme humidity and lack of cooling. A contractor will be contacted to repair the wall.

Commissioner Woehrle Reported:

- It was reported that shingles on the roof of the new building are lifting and we are contacting the manufacturer to evaluate the problem.

ELECTIONS: No Report.

PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS:

Commissioner Daly Reported:

- I have been in contact with the chief's about turnout gear and an order for boots and helmets has been made.

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM: No Report.

INSPECTION & INSTALLATION: No Report.

REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- We currently have five volunteer members enrolled in the Firefighter I training program and two scheduled to start Scene Support Operations class this month.
- I am requesting authorization to cover registration costs for the EMS Leadership Academy courses being offered at REMO from October through December at a rate of \$400/5 attendees not to exceed \$800.
- On-site training was conducted with Knolls Atomic Power Labs.
- Emergency plan review meetings were held with GE Learning Center, GE Global Research, and Knolls Atomic Power Labs.
- I completed the Codes Compliance Technician Train the Trainer program allowing us to provide the annual required updates to our fire inspection staff in house.

Chief Dietrich Reported:

- Our newest members have been around during the day and career officers have been very helpful with the training of these new members

Department Activity	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
September Incidents	151	168
EMS	94	107
Fire/Other	57	61
YTD Incidents	1497	1336 (9/30)
Other Activities:		
Emergency Callback		38 Hours
Fire Company Drill		93 Hours
Fire/EMS/Codes In-Service Training		80 Hours

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

Report of the Grand Boulevard Fire Company: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion/ Nappi, Second/ Daly: To authorize registration costs for the EMS Leadership Academy courses being offered at REMO from October through December at a rate of \$400/5 attendees not to exceed \$800. Passed 5-0.

Motion/ Daly, Second/ Weitz: To authorize Captain Vena to attend codes training in Albany, NY at a cost of \$315.00 and 24 hours of overtime. Passed 5-0.

Motion/ Daly, Second/ Nappi: To authorize Captain Congdon to attend the Instructors conference at the Fire Academy in Montour Falls from October 13 – 16 to include usage of a fire district vehicle, fees of \$225.00 and 40 hours of overtime. Passed 5-0.

Motion/ Daly, Second/ Weitz: To adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Passed 5-0.

The proposed 2014 budget hearing will be held Tuesday October 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Versocki

Fire District No. 1 Secretary