

Minutes of Regular Meeting May 13, 2015

PRESENT: Commissioners Nappi, Murray and Chairman Woehrle.

Also Present: Secretary Versocki, Treasurer Splendido, Chief Dietrich, Chief McGill
Captain J. Vena and FF/P Persons.

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

Motion/ Murray, 2nd/ Nappi: To approve the minutes of the April 8, 2015 regular monthly meeting minutes as read. Passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A thank you letter from Niskayuna High School for the loan of a CRP manikin as a prop for a play.
- A notification from The Schenectady County Civil Service Commission scheduling an exam for Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic being held June 20, 2015.
- A notification from The Schenectady County Civil Service Commission scheduling an exam for Fire Captain/Paramedic being held June 20, 2015.
- A thank you letter for mutual aid EMS services provided to Mr. Andrea Hamilton of Rexford, NY.
- A letter from FF/P Agans requesting extended sick leave until June 10, 2015.
- A letter from The GBFC stating that at their meeting on April 13, 2015 they voted to accept Randall Swyers of 949 Birchwood Dr. Niskayuna, NY 12309 as a probationary Firefighter/ EMS member pending the results of a physical, arson background check and sexual offender registry. The Fire Company asks that Randall Swyers be added to The Fire District rolls pending those results.
- A letter from The GBFC stating that at their meeting on April 13, 2015 they voted to accept Matthew Fobare of 1250 Ruffner Rd. Niskayuna, NY 12309 as a probationary Firefighter/ EMS member pending the results of a physical, arson background check and sexual offender registry. The Fire Company asks that Matthew Fobare be added to The Fire District rolls pending those results.
- A letter from The GBFC stating that at their meeting on April 13, 2015 they voted to accept Thomas Robichard of 2020 Nott St. Niskayuna, NY 12309 as a probationary Firefighter/ EMS member pending the results of a physical, arson background check and sexual offender registry. The Fire Company asks that Thomas Robichard be added to The Fire District rolls pending those results.
- A letter from The GBFC stating that at their meeting on April 13, 2015 they voted to accept Linda Smith of 1099 Mohawk Rd. Niskayuna, NY 12309 as a probationary EMS member pending the results of a physical, arson background check and sexual offender registry. The Fire Company asks that Linda Smith be added to The Fire District rolls pending those results.
- A letter from The GBFC stating that at their meeting on May 11, 2015 they voted to accept Shiloh Lieberman of 1309 Viewmont Dr. Niskayuna, NY 12309 as a probationary EMS member pending

the results of a physical, arson background check and sexual offender registry. The Fire Company asks that Shiloh Lieberman be added to The Fire District rolls pending those results.

- A letter from The GBFC stating that at their meeting on May 11, 2015 they voted to accept Ronald Giesen of 1418 Union St. Schenectady, NY 12308 as a probationary firefighter member pending the results of a physical, arson background check and sexual offender registry. The Fire Company asks that Ronald Giesen be added to The Fire District rolls pending those results.
- A letter from The GBFC stating receiving a letter of resignation from Apolo Cedeno of 1221 Union St. Schenectady, NY 12308. Please remove Mr. Cedeno's name from The Fire District rolls. All Fire Company and District uniforms and equipment have been collected.
- A letter from The GBFC stating receiving a letter of resignation from Carlton Kuhlmeier of 2534 Grandview Ave. Niskayuna, NY 12309. Please remove Mr. Kuhlmeier's name from The Fire District rolls. All Fire Company and District uniforms and equipment have been collected.
- A letter from retired Chief Joe Battiste asking for clarification and communication for retired medical reimbursement coverage.
- A packet of financial information was received from The GBFC.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: No Report.

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

Motion/ Nappi, 2nd/ Murray: To pay bills for corresponding check #'s 14558 - 14588 From April 9, 2015 thru May 13, 2015 totaling \$111,682.67 as reviewed. Passed 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The reserve accounts as of the end of April were reviewed.
- The Building Addition/Renovation project was reviewed.
- The comparison sheets for April 2014 vs.2015 were reviewed.
- Budget versus actual expenses through April 2015 were reviewed. We are 33% through the year and we have spent 41% of the budget due to earlier funding.
- I have a Workers Compensation audit on Thursday May 14, 2015.
- The letter from Joe Battiste read in correspondence is reflected in the draft letter I am sending out for retiree's regarding the new HRA with a reimbursement schedule, which was discussed last month.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Commissioner Murray Reported:

- I will review the financial statements and information supplied by The Grand Blvd. Fire Company.

INSURANCE:

- The Commissioner s discussed budgeting for additional property insurance for 2016.

MEDIA RELATIONS: No Report.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT:

Captain Vena Reported:

- A-941 had the two inner duals replaced due to wear that resulted from valve stem issues.
- New safety equipment for petzle escape system training has been received and training has resumed.

COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES:

Chief Lingenfelter's Report:

- There was a meeting with Wells, Ellis, Schenectady County MRD, and Fire Coordinators officer regarding a quote for correction of the Ellis communications issues. The scope has expanded to include law enforcement. We are awaiting revised quotes to include them. How the cost will be covered is yet to be determined.
- The source of the interference on county channel 11 has been identified. It is being emitted from a new weather monitoring system installed approximately 2 years ago. (when we first started having issues) County coordinators office and wells are working with the airport to develop a solution.

EMS & EQUIPMENT: No Report.

HEALTH & SAFETY: No Report.

FACILITIES:

Chief Lingenfelter's Report:

- Autumn Tree service has completed their work on the adjacent lot. Neighbors were very happy with the result and looking forward to our plan for plantings.
- The Red Cross blood drive at our station is scheduled for June 30th.

Commissioner Woehrle Reported:

- Lighting on the outside of Balltown Rd. is in progress.
- The flag pole light at River Rd. was repaired.
- Quotes for work on the River Rd. console are being given by: Lloyd Hale Construction and Montgomery Construction.
- Kevin Holmes is working on landscaping the vacant lot.

ELECTIONS: No Report.

PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS:

Chief Dietrich Reported:

- Replacement turnout gear has been ordered.

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM: No Report.

INSPECTION & INSTALLATION: No Report.

REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:

Chief Lingenfelter's Report:

- Safety audit was conducted by McNeil & Company on March 30th. Their report has been received and is being reviewed. Some minor administrative issues were identified and a plan to correct will be drafted for the boards review.

Chief Dietrich Reported:

- I am requesting authorization for to attend a hazardous materials specialist program at the Montour Falls fire academy on June 22nd – 24th to include the use of a district vehicle at a cost of \$135.00.
- I am requesting authorization to attend an Emergency Vehicle Defensive Driving course in Oriskany from May 27th – 29th to include the use of a district vehicle. No cost for the program as meals and lodging are covered by the program.

Chief McGill Reported: No Report.

Department Activity

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
April Incidents	176	175
EMS	120	115
Fire/Other	56	60
YTD Incidents	715	624 (4/30)

Other Activities:

Emergency Callback	6	Hours
Fire Company Drill	N/A	Hours
Fire/EMS/Codes In-Service Training	100	Hours

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

Report of the Grand Boulevard Fire Company:

- Chief Dietrich reported that new fire company apparel have been ordered depicting the new fire company/district design.
- Fire Company member Emily Neaton has successfully passed her probationary period.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion/ Murray, Second/ Nappi: To approve advanced sick leave to FF/P Agans until June 10, 2015. Passed 3-0.

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Motion/ Nappi, Second/ Murray: To adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Passed 3-0.

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The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday June 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Versocki

Fire District No. 1 Secretary