

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 9, 2015

PRESENT: Commissioners Daly, Weitz and Chairman Woehrle.
Commissioner Murray arrived late. (After the bills were approved).

Also Present: Secretary Versocki, Treasurer Splendido, Attorney Hayner, Chief Lingenfelter
Chief Dietrich and Chief McGill.

Before beginning the meeting, Secretary Versocki read the (1) one sealed bid for the River Road Roof replacement.

That singular bid was submitted by: James A. Edgar Company Inc. for the sum of \$42,435.00.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Woehrle.

Motion/ Weitz, 2nd/ Daly: To approve the minutes of the August 12, 2015 regular monthly meeting minutes as read. Passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A thank you card and \$100 donation check from the family of Bernard L. Socha Of 1385 Clifton Park Rd. Niskayuna, NY 12309.
- A letter from The Grand Blvd. Fire Co. stating they voted to add the following perspective member as a firefighter pending a complete physical, arson background check and sexual predator check. They ask you approve Anthony Comanzo of 2506 Eastern Parkway Schenectady, NY 12309 pending those results.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: No Report.

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

Motion/ Weitz, 2nd/ Daly: To pay bills for corresponding check #'s 14727 - 14768 From August 13, 2015 thru September 9, 2015 totaling \$77,098.07 as reviewed. Passed 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The reserve accounts as of the end of August were reviewed.
- The Building Addition/Renovation project was reviewed.
- The comparison sheets for august 2014 vs.2015 were reviewed.
- Budget versus actual expenses through August 2015 were reviewed. We are 66% through the year and we have spent 64.6% of the budget.
- I am working to update the 2016 budget before our scheduled workshop.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Hayner Reported:

- I am still working with the Attorney for District # 2 to iron out contract language for the Scott Air bottle compressor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Commissioner Murray Reported:

- According to the information obtained from The Fire District Affairs bulletin, the tax cap should be under .73%: not 2%.
- There will be a budget workshop on September 22, 2015 at 7 pm.

INSURANCE: No Report.

MEDIA RELATIONS: No Report.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- New Engine Specifications - The *Inter-local Contract for Cooperative Purchasing* with the Houston-Galveston Area Council has been accepted and we can initiate the purchasing process when ready. Draft engine drawings and written specifications have been received from Garrison. They will be reviewed by the committee.
- Our 2008 utility pickup (U-421) is in need of rust mitigation on both rear quarter panels. I am requesting authorization to have repairs completed at a cost not to exceed \$2600.00. Price includes the necessary re-striping.
- Three replacement Indian tanks were purchased.

COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- We had been experiencing significant internet outage issues. While working with Omnis and First Light, the problem has been resolved.

EMS & EQUIPMENT: No Report.

HEALTH & SAFETY: No Report.

FACILITIES:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Roof repair specifications for the River Road station have been published and picked up by a number of contractors.
- Internet issues at The Balltown Road station seem to have stabilized after First Light replaced a connection in the station. Now working to resolve issues at River Road station with Time Warner.
- Landscaping work at The Balltown Road station has been completed. Staff is working to keep hydro- seeding watered.
- Eric Montgomery sealed potential leaks around the window in the second floor elevator lobby. Will monitor for further leakage below.

Commissioner Woehrle Reported:

- Arket Electric has been contacted for the flag pole repair.
- The exterior light bulbs have been replaced at The River Rd. station.
- Drivers for The Balltown Rd. lighting have arrived.

ELECTIONS:

Commissioner Weitz Reported:

Commissioner Murray's 5 year term will end December 31, 2015. The election in December will be to replace that seat.

PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS:

Commissioner Daly Reported:

- Fire Department turn-out gear reaching the serviceability of 10 year is getting ready to expire.

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Work on LOSAP program continues. Draft documents attached.

INSPECTION & INSTALLATION: No Report.

REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- The public hearing to amend chapter 107, entitled fires, open, of the code of the Town of Niskayuna was held on August 25th, 2015 at the Niskayuna Town Hall. Only one comment relating to the availability of the document for review. The ordinance is expected to pass at the next regular Town Board meeting.
- I am requesting authorization for Captain Vena to attend the NYS Building Officials Conference in Albany, NY from October 19 – 21, 2015 at a cost of \$350 for registration and 19 hours of overtime. Conference attendance request has been submitted.
- I am requesting authorization for the Treasurer to draft 4 checks in the amount of \$50.00 payable to the 4 Niskayuna elementary schools for annual poster show supplies.
- I attended the NYS Fire Marshalls and Inspectors Conference in Syracuse last week which included presentations on the current building code adoption, fire suppression systems, the energy code, and training.

- Volunteer members Brad Nethaway, Shiloh Lieberman, and Matt O'Donoghue completed the Rescue Technician Basic training program. The training was held at the Plotterkill Fire Department and totaled 24 hours of instruction.
- We currently have 4 members in the Firefighter I training program being offered at the Carman Fire District.
- Year to date call response statistics are attached.

Chief Dietrich Reported:

- New testing for personnel attending firefighter I classes now include an air consumption test.
- New EMS protocols are now being given for hemorrhage control and spinal immobilization.

Chief McGill: No Report.

Department Activity

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
August Incidents	184	153
EMS	127	101
Fire/Other	57	52
YTD Incidents	1404	1219 (8/31)

Other Activities:

Emergency Callback	11	Hours
Fire Company Drill	120	Hours
Fire/EMS/Codes In-Service Training	20	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/ Murray, Second/ Daly: To authorize repairs to utility pickup (U-421) at a cost not to exceed \$2600.00. Passed 4-0.

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Motion/ Murray, Second/ Weitz: To authorize the Treasurer to draft 4 checks in the amount of \$50.00 payable to the 4 Niskayuna elementary schools for annual poster show supplies. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Murray, Second/ Weitz: To authorize a permissive referendum for \$50,000.00 with funds to be taken from The building Reserve Account for the purpose of replacing the roof at The River Rd. station. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Murray, Second/ Weitz: To authorize asbestos testing of the current River Rd. station roof for up to \$2,500.00. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Daly, Second/ Murray: To approve Anthony Comanzo of 2506 Eastern Parkway Schenectady, NY 12308 as a firefighter member pending a complete physical, arson background check and sexual predator check. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Murray, Second/ Daly: To adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Passed 4-0.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Versocki

Fire District No. 1 Secretary