

Minutes of Regular Meeting June 14, 2017

PRESENT: Commissioners Nappi, Weitz, Daly and Chairman Woehrle

Also Present: Chief Lingenfelter, Chief Dietrich, Chief Luft, Treasurer Splendido, Secretary Versocki, Attorney Hayner, Captain Congdon, FF/P Wessels, FF D. Elliott and Robert Saltzman.

Commissioner Murray was absent and excused from tonight's meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Woehrle.

Motion/ Daly, 2nd/ Weitz: To approve the May 16, 2017 monthly meeting minutes as read.
Passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter from The Grand Blvd. Fire Company reporting accepting an application for membership from Marlene Lawston of 899 Stark Ave. Niskayuna, NY 12309 as a probationary firefighter/EMS member. They ask that the commissioners accept this candidate pending the successful outcome of a complete physical, sexual predator and arson background checks.
- A letter from The Grand Blvd. Fire Company reporting accepting a letter of resignation from firefighter Daniel Salamone of 1368 Keyes Ave. Niskayuna, NY 12309. They ask that his name be removed from the fire district rolls.
- A thank you note from Iroquois Middle School for a presentation given by Lt. Griffiths.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Niskayuna Resident Daniel Elliott; residing on 2213 Garden Drive & current firefighter with more than 25 years of service with The Grand Blvd. Fire Company asked to speak about the fuel issue at The River Rd. station. He first spoke to Chief Lingenfelter and then to The Director of Transportation from The Niskayuna School District. Mr. Elliott stated that Mr. Bill Garison from The DOT –NHS District would welcome Niskayuna District No. 1 to re-fuel fire district apparatus for both Diesel and gasoline at their location off Hillside Ave.

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

Motion/ Daly, 2nd/ Weitz: To pay bills for corresponding check #'s 15727 – 15766
From May 11, 2017 thru June 14, 2017 totaling \$62,042.56 as reviewed. Passed 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Splendido Reported:

- The reserve accounts as of the end of May were reviewed.
- The comparison sheets for May 2017 vs. 2016 were reviewed.

- Budget versus actual expenses through May 2017 were reviewed. We are 42% thru the year and have spent 42.8% of the budget. (The percentage total subtracting reserve account purchases).

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No Report.

INSURANCE: No Report.

MEDIA RELATIONS: No Report.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- The new engine 401 was sent out for 3 days for warranty repair of a pump bearing. It has since returned to service.
- Awaiting the board's response on the chief's recommendation to surplus the old engine 401.
- The necessary adjustment was completed on Truck 405 and certification has been received from the testing company.
- Researching the replacement of our 2005 and 2006 Tahoe's as well as the 2005 Silverado pickup.

COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES: No Report.

EMS & EQUIPMENT: No Report.

HEALTH & FITNESS: No Report.

FACILITIES:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Painting of River Road station is scheduled to start on June 20th. I have met with the Sgt Pelletier to go over project details.

Commissioner Woehrle Reported:

- Installation of replacement windows at the River Road station is complete. Final adjustments are being completed.

ELECTIONS: No Report.

PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS: No Report.

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM:

Commissioner Weitz Reported:

- The LOSAP trustee transition will begin in the fall of 2017.

INSPECTION & INSTALLATION: No Report.

REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- The MOU for the town wide fire inspection program has been finalized and adopted by the Niskayuna Town Board. **Requesting board authorization for the chairman to execute the attached Inter-municipal Agreement between the Town of Niskayuna and Niskayuna Fire District No. 1 for provision of fire inspection services.**
- Niska-day 2017 went off without incident. Staffing for the event was short.
- EMS standby crews covered the Annual Niskayuna Soccer Tournament the weekend of June 3rd. Four patients treated, one transported and three RMA's.
- I attended the NYS EMS Memorial ceremony on May 23rd at the empire state plaza honoring EMS providers in NYS who lost their lives on duty.
- **Request authorization to pursue the hiring of a Firefighter/Paramedic as budgeted to minimize the impact of our staffing shortage on the safety of our community, our firefighters, and to comply with the OSHA minimum 2 in – 2 out staffing requirement for initiating a structure fire attack.** The civil service list is scheduled to be released on June 20th.
- May 2017 YTD incident participation report is attached. Approximately 11% of the incidents year to date had no volunteer response.

Chief Dietrich Reported:

- Thanks to hand full of retirees we are covering calls. Chief Luft has proven invaluable.
- The career staff has been helping with drills.

Chief Luft Reported:

- At our last drill we did controlling propane fires at The Colonie Training Tower. We received high praise for our crew who suppressed propane fires with speed and efficiency.

• Department Activity	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
May Incidents	177	163
EMS	123	120
Fire/Other	54	43
Total Incidents	829	788 (5/31 YTD)

Other Activities:

Emergency Callback
Department Training

11 Staff Hours
96 Staff Hours

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

Report of the Grand Boulevard Fire Company: Fire Company member Bob Saltzman stated that due to many issues with The American Red Cross, future blood drives have been cancelled. There is another issue however, with the advertising for a blood drive to be held on June 22, 2017 at The Jewish Community Center on Balltown Rd.

The blood drive according to an advertisement by The Red Cross states that The Grand Blvd. Fire Company is sponsoring this drive. Since this is false, Bob reported contacting The Red Cross for clarification. According to them, by advertising the drive at sponsored by The GBFC they are hoping to gain donors from previous GBFC drives.

OLD BUSINESS: GBFC FF Dan Elliott reported that after discussing the issue to surplus or utilized old E-401 as a reserve engine the fire company members were polled and were against utilizing old E-401 as a reserve engine. Dan went on to say he was still in favor of keeping the engine despite what others are saying. However, the decision is The Board of Fire Commissioners to make.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion/ Daly, Second/ Nappi: To authorize board chairman Woehrle to execute the attached Inter-municipal Agreement between the Town of Niskayuna and Niskayuna Fire District No. 1 for provision of fire inspection services. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Weitz, Second/ Daly: To authorize the surplus of old Engine 401 at the recommendation of The Fire District Chief's. Passed 3-1.

Motion/ Weitz, Second/ Daly: To authorize Chief Lingenfelter to sell the 1996 Saulsbury Engine. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi, Second/ Daly: To accept Marlene Lawston of 899 Stark Ave. Niskayuna, NY 12309 as a probationary firefighter/EMS member pending the successful outcome of a complete physical, sexual predator and arson background checks. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Nappi, Second/ Daly: To accept a letter of resignation from firefighter Daniel Salamone of 1368 Keyes Ave. Niskayuna, NY 12309 and remove his name from the fire district rolls. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Daly, Second/ Weitz: To authorize hiring a career Firefighter/Paramedic to help support peak call volume between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm.

The District Secretary Called the roll: Commissioner Daly – YES; Commissioner Nappi – YES;

Commissioner Weitz – YES; Commissioner Woehrle – YES.

MOTION Passed 4-0.

- The commissioners discussed Grand Blvd. Fire Company recruitment. This discussion included recruiting high school students through a program called, “new visions”. Commissioner Weitz asked permission to follow up with school board members.
- Commissioner Nappi asked about better lighting in the south end parking lot. He will get estimates and present them to the board.
- In response to information provided by Bob Saltzman of The Grand Blvd. Fire Company; Attorney Hayner will contact The American Red Cross to disconnect the Fire Company/Fire District’s name associated with blood drives.
- Chief Lingenfelter thanked the commissioners for their foresight in the hiring proposal approval.
- Chairman Woehrle spoke to Commissioner Murray after the last meeting in regard to the old engine and the GBFC’s opinion about whether or not to surplus it. He wanted the chief’s to know he was not trying to undermine their position, he just wanted to know how other felt about the issue.

Motion/ Daly, Second/ Weitz: To adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Passed 4-0.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday July 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Versocki

Fire District No. 1 Secretary