## Minutes of Annual Organizational Meeting January 2, 2020

PRESENT: Commissioners: Murray, Daly, Weitz, Pacheco & Woehrle

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Lingenfelter, Treasurer Splendido, Secretary Versocki, Attorney Hayner, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Luft.

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

Motion/ Woehrle, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Pacheco: To appoint Commissioner Weitz as Temporary Chairman. Passed 5-0.

Motion/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Daly: To appoint Commissioner Woehrle as permanent Chairman for 2020. Passed 4-0-1.

2020 Chairman Woehrle continued the meeting.

M/ Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup> / Weitz: To appoint Commissioner Murray as Vice-Chairman for 2020. Passed 5-0.

M/Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Pacheco: To appoint John Splendido as Treasurer for 2020. Passed 5-0.

M/ Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Murray: To appoint William Versocki as Secretary for 2020. Passed 5-0.

M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Pacheco: To appoint Thomas Hayner as Fire District Attorney for 2020. Passed 5-0.

M/Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Daly: To appoint Robert McHugh M.D.as Medical Director for 2020. Passed 5-0.

M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Pacheco: To appoint Peter Barber as Fire District Photographer for 2020. Passed 5-0.

M/Weitz, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Murray: To appoint Bob Kordrupel as LOSAP Trustee for 2020. Passed 5-0.

<u>M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Weitz: To appoint The Fire District Board Chairman and Career Chief as</u> <u>Non-Emergency Media Relations Representatives for 2020. Passed 5-0.</u>

The Grand Boulevard Fire Company, Inc. reported that, at their December 2019 Special Meeting, the following were nominated as Chief Officers for 2020:

Fire Chief–Richard Fritz; 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief – H. Michael Luft, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief– Leave open.

<u>M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Daly: That Richard Fritz be appointed as District Fire Chief for 2020.</u> Passed 5-0.

<u>M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Pacheco: That H. Michael Luft be appointed as District Fire 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief for 2020. Passed 5-0.</u>

M/ Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Weitz: To leave the position of District Fire 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief for 2020 vacant. Passed 5-0.

<u>M/ Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Murray: To grant pay raises relative to budget and contractual agreement for year</u> 2020, effective January 1, 2020. Passed 5-0.

<u>M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Pacheco: To set salaries of District Treasurer, Secretary, Attorney,</u> <u>Photographer, LOSAP Trustee, Chief and Medical Director as established in the budget for</u> <u>2020. Passed 5-0.</u>

<u>M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Pacheco: That the Daily Gazette be designated as the Fire District's official</u> <u>newspaper for 2020. Passed 5-0.</u>

M/ Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Murray: That the Treasurer be authorized to pay following regular monthly District bills: Electric, Natural Gas, Land Line Phone Service, Payroll Service, Water Bill, 207A Liability, Life Insurance, Television, Internet, County Waste, Health and Dental Insurance without prior approval. Passed 5-0.

M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Pacheco: For the Annual Report to be submitted to The Board of Fire Commissioners and New York State by the Treasurer no later than March 1, 2020. Passed 5-0.

<u>M/Weitz, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Murray: That the District continue its membership in the New York State</u> <u>Association of Fire Districts and the Association of Fire Districts of the Capital District for the</u> <u>year 2020. Passed 5-0.</u>

<u>M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Daly: That the Treasurer be covered by Insurance Policy to the current level of coverage for 2020. Passed 5-0.</u>

M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Pacheco: That TD Bank be designated as the District's official bank for 2020. Passed 5-0.

M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Pacheco: That District vehicles will be used for schools, conferences and any other approved Fire District Business. When circumstances require private vehicles to be used, the current IRS rate per mile will be paid. Passed 5-0.

M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Daly: To authorize The Election Committee to appoint the Electors for the Annual Fire District Election and/or Special Fire District Election/Vote as per New York State and Town Law. Passed 5-0.

M/ Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Pacheco: To re-approve the following Fire District Policies and Procedures: Purchasing Policy, Purchasing Procedure, Exercise Room Policy, Media Policy, Chief Vehicle Policy, Unlawful Workplace Harassment Policy, Alcohol & Drug Policy, Credit Card Policy, Code of Ethics, Travel Expense Policy, Military Leave Policy, Operation of District Vehicles Policy, Career Division Appointment Procedure and Installation and/or Inspection Dinner Policy, Investment Policy, Promotion Procedure, Members Moving out of the District policy, Procurement Policy, Social Media Policy, LOSAP Trustee Job Description, LOSAP Trustee Procedure, Anti-Hazing Policy and Grand Boulevard Fire Company Alcohol use Control Policy. Passed 5-0.

M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Daly: To allow The Career Chief and Volunteer Chief to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as per the 2020 Budget. Passed 5-0.

<u>M/ Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Pacheco: To set the Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00</u> <u>p.m. for the Fire District's regular business meeting. Passed 5-0.</u>

<u>M/ Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Pacheco: To notify The Grand Blvd. Fire Company that Thursday December 3,</u> <u>2020 their Annual Meeting will be held for nominations of Chief, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief and 2<sup>nd</sup></u> <u>Assistant Chief. Passed 5-0.</u>

M/Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Daly: To authorize The Commissioner Board Chairman to sign the Controlled Substance Certification of The Department of Health (DOH); once the Fire District Attorney has reviewed and approved it. Passed 5-0.

## Other business was brought before The Board of Fire Commissioners:

## **Commissioner Woehrle Reported:**

• The District Harassment Policy was mounted with complaint forms at The River Rd. and Balltown Rd. Stations.

M/ Pacheco, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Weitz: to adjourn the organizational meeting at 7:10 p.m. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Versocki

District Secretary