

William G. MacMillan-Chairman
Gordon H. Mahley, Jr. Louis R. Morrette
James A. Wood James L. Zido
Terry R. Hickey - Secretary
Gerard F. Parisi - Treasurer

Monthly Meeting Held February 04, 2009

Meeting called to order by Chairman William G. MacMillan at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Comm. MacMillan, Comm. Morrette,
Comm. Wood, Comm. Zido
ABSENT: Comm. Mahley

MINUTES: Motion to accept minutes from the January 07, 2009 meetings – organizational and regular - was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 4/0.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A motion to pay the bills listed on the abstract dated February 04, 2009, was made by Comm. Morrette and seconded by Comm. Wood. Motion carried 4/0.

TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND:

Motion to transfer \$53,531.23 from Savings to General Fund checking account to pay bills was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 4/0.

EQUIPMENT:

Two old wyes were sent to KME for evaluation; cost effective to replace rather than repair. Medical bag on T-160 has been taken out of service as it is outdated. Chief requested replacement. All Scott Bottles have been hydro tested and are back in service. All SCBA's are repaired and back in service. Asst. Chief Denny's pager has been repaired. Chief France submitted the following requests for purchase: 1-3/4 50 ft. hose pond conquest, (1) Stihl chain saw with spare bar and chain, (4) Cains 1010 helmets, (1) Medial Bag with supplies including (1) blood pressure kit complete. A motion to authorize these purchases was made by Comm. Wood, seconded by Comm. Zido. The motion passed 4/0. Chief France indicated that an inventory of all SSFD equipment in progress.

TRUCK REPORT:

Comm. Wood reported the following:

- R-160 Bottle #4 leaking. Will contact KME
- ETA-161 Front springs – future date.
- U-162 Driver's side window off track. O/S FF Purdy can fix instead of sending to dealer; he can get part and install.
- T-163 No problems reported.
- ETA-164 Window crank – parts in. Chief Denny to fix.
- U-165 No problems reported.
- Car-167 New battery installed. Transmission fixed (no charge). New sway bar bushing was installed and new shocks with alignment.
- Car-168 Paint on roof chipped and flaking. Gary to contact Morris Ford. This was fixed in spring of 2008 under warranty.
- Car-169 Portable radios remounted.

A motion to accept the truck report was made by Comm. Zido and seconded by Comm. Wood. The vote was in favor 4/0.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Comm. Morrette reported that the improvements to the Social Office have been completed. The addition of wainscoting to the lower half of the interior halls of the building will be underway in the very near future. The hallway will be done in sections: entrance hall, crossway, etc. Each section will be completed before continuing to allow for a minimum of inconvenience to members and staff. A motion to arrange for the work to start as soon as possible was made by Comm. Zido and seconded by Comm. Wood. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood – yes, Comm. MacMillan – yes. The motion carried 4/0.

LEASE LINES:

Comm. Mahley was absent therefore Comm. Wood reported that a new telephone instrument has been installed in the Social Office. A line next to Comm. Zido's desk is available for use with a portable phone. The Commissioners discussed limiting the access to long distance calling to the 518 area in order to prevent unauthorized charges. Comm. Wood also reminded the group that life insurance renewal is due in March. A motion was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Morrette to invite the company representative to that meeting as well as the UBS representative to discuss the status of our investments. The vote was in favor 4/0.

SERVICE AWARDS:

Service award information will be mailed tomorrow.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The secretary read an announcement from the Association of Fire Districts of the Capital Area, Inc., regarding the general meeting scheduled for February 21,

2009 at the Averill Park-Sand Lake Fire Department. Also announced was the tentative list of events that will be held here during this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 4/0. The Treasurer announced that the auditors are making inquiries in preparation for the 2008 audit. He also indicated that National Grid has submitted an invoice that seems to be too high. The treasurer has contacted the company regarding this questionable amount and the company has agreed to come here to certify the gas meter is operating correctly and make any necessary adjustments to the invoice.

OLD BUSINESS:

Comm. Wood reported that the EllisWorks Center for Occupational Health has submitted information regarding the services and cost of the program that they are offering for the physical examinations for all firefighters. After the Commissioners discussed the offering, Comm. Wood made a motion to contract with EllisWorks Center for the service. Comm. Morrette seconded the motion. The results of a roll call vote follow: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood – yes, Comm. MacMillan – yes. The motion carried 4/0. Comm. Wood presented a Physical Policy to apply to the South Schenectady Fire Department regarding the mandatory examinations. Comm. Zido made the motion to accept this policy. Comm. Wood seconded the motion. A roll call vote was ordered and the result is as follows: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood – yes, Comm. MacMillan – yes. The motion carried 4/0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief France presented a request for the Boards approval to schedule a class with B-Lann personnel to train members in basic truck maintenance. Comm. Zido made a motion to approve scheduling this class and Comm. Wood seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted 4/0 in favor of this motion. A complaint has come before the Board regarding allowing pets (dogs) within the confines of the building. Discussion followed including the possible inherent dangers when a fire call comes in as well as a possible attack – over friendly or malicious – that could cause legal action against the department/district. Comm. MacMillan will consult with our lawyer regarding the legal implications involved. Chief France gave his report of the status of operations within his responsibilities. The January drills and calls have been posted. He stated that all firematic problems should be directed to the Chief for mediation. Chief France reported that three (3) Firefighters (Mickle, Darrell, and Smith) are scheduled to take the Homeland Security course offered at no cost to the department. A Sexual Harassment Training class will be offered on February 18th. This class is mandatory for all members. If a member has taken the class outside the department, he/she can submit proof of taking training to be exempted from the class.

The Chairman opened the meeting for comments and questions from the floor: Mr. Fontaine and Mr. Tayler spoke re limiting access to the building by pets.

GOOD AND WELFARE:
No report this month.

The Board continued in executive session at 8:40 p.m. and concluded at 9:14 p.m.

Comm. MacMillan adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Hickey, Secretary