

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 March 04, 2009

Meeting called to order by Chairman William G. MacMillan at 7:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES: Motion to accept minutes from the February 04, 2009, meeting with the correction was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 5/0. (Correction: the spelling of "Medical" on page one under *Equipment* - line seven.)

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A motion to pay the bills listed on the abstract dated March 04, 2009, was made by Comm. Zido and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 4/1 with Comm. Mahley voting nay.

TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND:

Motion to transfer funds from Savings to General Fund checking account to pay bills was made by Comm. Morrette and seconded by Comm. Wood. Motion carried 5/0.

EQUIPMENT:

Comm. Wood reported requests have been submitted to purchase the following equipment: Auto ex. Gloves, (6) ex large, (6) large, (6) med.; Battery cable cutters (2); Gloves (12); Carbon weight hoods (12); E flares (1); Hydrant bag (2); 20 lb ABC fire extinguisher; Purple Nitrile gloves; Cairns 1010 helmet; Hand sanitizer for medical assists. A motion to approve these purchases was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Morrette. The vote was in favor of the motion – 5/0.

VEHICLE REPORT:

Comm. Zido reported the following:

R-160 Air Lines are ordered. Repair completed 3/2/09 - air lines fixed by KME

- ETA-161 Front springs – future date.
- U-162 Driver's side window off track. O/S FF Purdy can fix with Chief Denny. Part needs to be ordered. Chief Denny will order from Ford.
- T-163 No problems reported.
- ETA-164 No problems reported.
- U-165 No problems reported.
- Car-167 "South Side" removed from front of car. Note (FYI) that light bar, siren rusted on inside.
- Car-168 Paint on roof chipped and flaking. Gary to contact Morris Ford. This was fixed in spring of 2008 under warranty. "South Side" removed from front and rear of car. Drop light mounted.
- Car-169 Drop down light mounted. "South Side" removed from front and rear of car. Right rear tire had slow leak; FF Purdy fixed on 03/03/09 and notified Comm. Zido by e-mail and Comm. Morrette by phone.
- Vehicle inventories completed and handed to 2nd Asst. Chief.

A motion to accept the vehicle report was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Mahley. The vote was in favor 5/0.

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 is underway and looks good. A motion to accept this report was made by Comm. Zido and seconded by Comm. Wood. The vote in favor of accepting this report was 5/0.

LEASE LINES:

There is a problem with the alarm system and with the dial-up activator whereby a "clicking" sound comes through the line. Time Warner and FCI (the fire alarm company) have been notified and will be here on March 05 to inspect the systems and eliminate these problems.

INSURANCE:

Life insurance policy renewal with *VESOLife* is due in March and is being paid on this month's abstract.

SERVICE AWARDS:

Service award contract renewal with *Penflex* is due this month and is being paid on this month's abstract. A motion to accept the Lease Lines Report, the Insurance Report and the Service Award Report was made by Comm. Wood, seconded by Comm. Zido and passed with a vote of 5/0.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The secretary read an announcement from the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York regarding the annual meeting to be held June 10 thru June 13

at the Turning Stone Conference Center. Two Commissioners, MacMillan and Mahely, indicated that they will attend the two-day sessions. Commissioners Morrette and Zido, Chief France and two Assistant Chiefs indicated that they will travel to the meeting on June 12 for one day session. Comm. Wood indicated that he will not attend the meeting this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Comm. Mahley and seconded by Comm. Wood. Motion carried 5/0. Regarding the questionable amount of the National Grid billing statement referred to last month, our Treasurer reported that after pursuing the matter, the National Grid agreed to review the statement and subsequently has reduced it by a significant amount. He also stated that the Annual Report was filed with the Town at the end of February.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion continued regarding the Training Tower Facility Burn Room, and the request from the Chiefs' Association for funds to construct of a second Burn Room. Regarding the dollar amount that has been assessed to SSFD, the Commissioners will ask again for an accounting of the annual training dues that the Association already has received from District Six. The Commissioners indicated that they support the construction of a second Burn Room and will review the accountability statement when it is received to determine the extent of our contribution. A motion was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Zido to authorize \$7,500.00 The results of a roll call vote are as follows: Comm. Morrette - no, Comm. Mahley – no, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood – yes, Comm. MacMillan – no. The motion was defeated 3/2. This topic will be addressed again when the accounting information is received from the president of the Association. The Commissioners also discussed scheduling the use of the facility. They agreed that State and County agencies should be charged for usage.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commissioners reviewed a letter received from SSFD Social Body president, George Hughes, and Treasurer, Dusty Luckhurst, requesting the Board to approve an advance of \$4,000.00 from District Six funds to cover Social Body expenses until they receive the funds from the State Foreign Insurance Fund which annually supports the social needs of our firefighters. The letter states that the (usually successful) fund raising events planned for the spring and summer, and the receipt of the insurance fund contribution, normally received during the month of June, should allow the Social Body to again be solvent. Comm. Mahley made a motion to use funds from the Hall Rental account for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Comm. Morrette. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Mahley – yes, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood – abstain, Comm. MacMillan. The motion passed 4/1.

Chairman MacMillan offered the privilege of the floor to those persons attending the meeting. No one had any matters to discuss.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Chief France reported the live fire training will take place with Pine Grove on April 18th. A certificate of insurance is required and will be sent to Guilderland. FF 1 class starts in April; FF Palleshi and FF Relyea will attend at Thomas Corners Fire Department. State training is going to be limited this year due to budget restraints. RR safety training is scheduled for March 25th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Chief reported that the sign-up for physicals is continuing and that the response is good. He also reported that he has signed for a SEMO grant from the Ice Storm. The Commissioners reviewed the policy outlining the Physical Examination Policy and the Harassment and/or Intimidation Policy. A motion was made by Comm. Wood to accept both policies. The motion was seconded by Comm. Morrette and a roll call vote resulted as follows: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Mahley – yes, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood – yes, Comm. MacMillan – yes. The motion passed 5/0 These policies are therefore effective March 04, 2009.

The Board continued in executive session at 8:30 p.m. and concluded at 9:16 p.m.

Comm. MacMillan adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Hickey, Secretary