

Gordon Mahley, Jr. Chairman  
Louis R. Morrette - James A. Wood  
William Van Hoesen - James L. Zido  
William MacMillan – District Administrator  
Terry R. Hickey - Secretary  
Gerard F. Parisi – Treasurer

Monthly Meeting Held April 07 2010

PRESENT: Comm. Morrette, Comm. Van Hoesen, Comm. Zido

EXCUSED: Chairman Mahley, Comm. Wood

STAFF PRESENT: District Administrator William MacMillan, Assistant Treasurer Jeff Donofrio, Secretary Terry Hickey, Chief Michael France

GUESTS: See Sign-in List

Co- Chairman Van Hoesen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Co- Chairman Van Hoesen introduced County Legislator Angelo Santa Barbara, who was visiting the Fire Station. Mr. Santa Barbara expressed his gratitude to the members of the department for the dedication shown to community service.

The Co-Chairman offered the privilege of the floor to those persons seated in the gallery. Capt. Pollard asked for clarification of the District policy regarding signing the Book for duty credit after consuming a (small) amount of alcohol: case at hand, helping to put the trucks back in service after a fire call. The recommendation, at least for the time being, is that the Firefighters NOT sign the Book. Co-Chairman Van Hoesen assured those present that the Board will review the Policy and revise it if necessary.

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:**

A motion to pay the bills listed on the abstract dated April 07, 2010 which lists 47 items with a total dollar amount of \$66,543.75 was made by Comm. Zido and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 3/0.

**TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND:**

Motion to transfer \$66,543.75 from Savings to General Fund checking account to pay bills was made by Comm. Zido and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 3/0.

**EQUIPMENT:**

Chief France requested permission to purchase (6) radio batteries, safety kits for the Chiefs' cars, batteries for the thermal imaging camera and (6) batteries for the radios. Chief France indicated that the "old" batteries will be drained and held for back-up. Comm. Van Hoesen made a motion to purchase the items requested by the Chief. Comm. Van Hoesen made a motion to spend \$701.00 to repair pagers. Comm. Zido seconded this motion and it passed with a 3/0 vote.

#### TRUCK REPORT:

Chief France submitted the following truck report:

C-169	2010 Tahoe -in service. 222.1 miles.
C-168	2007 Ford Explorer. 26,909 miles.
C-167	2005 Ford Explorer – serviced and tires rotated.
R-160	Due for service. Battery charger issue for Dewalt. 8,680 miles.
ETA-164	All warranty work has been completed by KME as of 04/07/2010. 950.1miles.tools. 8,680 miles.
U-162	Serviced in March. 10,298 miles.
T-163	Due for service. 6,310 miles.
E-164	Due for service. Generator due for service. 32,605 miles.
U-165	Serviced in March. 6,603 miles.

Regarding the new Tahoe, three (3) items listed in the specifications were not installed at the time of delivery: the front seat was ordered as a bench seat but delivered with bucket seats, the remote starter was not installed, and the floor mats were missing. Administrator MacMillan reported these discrepancies to the dealer in Rochester, New York. The dealer will look into the matter and reply in a day or two. Administrator MacMillan urged the Board to be more diligent when confirming the specifications included with an order for items purchased for the Department.

#### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Comm. Morrette said that the wainscoting project is complete and that the crown molding in the Community Room will be repaired. Comm. Morrette noted that the storage room wall will be repaired. Mr. Weiss has taken care of the entrance lights. Regarding the improper use of the Community Room, Comm. Wood and Comm. Van Hoesen prepared and mailed a letter in response to Mr. Attanasio 's complaint. Photographs showing the debris that remained after the event were included. There has been no response as of this date.

#### LEASE LINES, INSURANCE AND SERVICE AWARDS:

Co-Chairman Van Hoesen stated that the new life insurance policy with The Hartford is in effect as of April 01, 2010. VESO Life has requested additional information regarding the FF Amorosi death claim. Administrator Macmillan will follow up on this request. Chief France requested the Board to approve the purchase of five (5) more Minitor 5's to be issued to active members. Co-Chairman Van Hoesen asked Chief France to submit a plan for use of the Minitor 4 and Minitor 5 units. Chief France also requested the purchase of accompanying batteries at a cost of \$2,541.98, the cost of which would come from the Equipment Fund. Comm. Morrette made a motion to approve the purchase and Comm. Zido seconded the motion which passed 3/0.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Assistant Treasurer Donofrio submitted the financial report to the Board. He noted that the auditors will be here during the month of May.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES:

No report this month.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary read an invitation to the Commissioners to attend the Association of Fire Districts of the Capital Area, Inc. workshop scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2010. Comm. Van Hoesen and Comm. Zido expressed an interest in attending. The Secretary also read an invitation from the same organization to attend the 48<sup>th</sup> annual banquet to be held on May 1, 2010.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

It was noted that the process to obtain benefit registration card required by The Hartford Insurance Company is underway and must be completed as soon as possible. The annual physical examinations for Firefighters contracted with EllisWorks will begin next week. Regarding the HVAC work, the 8-1/2 ton unit is on order and will be installed soon. Also noted is that ESCO must be contacted to replace the connections. ESCO will bill for this service. A letter was introduced directed to Rotterdam Town Supervisor, Francis Del Gallo, written by Comm. Van Hoesen, regarding the issue of creating a Uniformed Centralized Communication Center for Emergency Dispatching. A motion to support this proposed project was made by Comm. Morrette and seconded by Comm. Zido. The motion passed with a vote of 3/0.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The Commissioners reviewed the application of Raymond Feurstein to join SSFD as a member of the Fire Police. Comm. Zido made a motion to accept the application and Comm. Morrette seconded the motion which passed 3/0. From this time forward applications for membership will be posted for thirty (30) days before the Body votes to accept or decline. The Commissioners discussion of a policy for out-of-town applicants was centered on the legal aspects of and the policing of the issue. Diligence in reporting information is paramount. A motion was made by Comm. Zido to accept this policy, seconded by Comm. Morrette. The motion passed 3/0. Also discussed was the decal that was applied to the back of the n Tahoe. A motion was made to have the decal removed by Comm. Morrette and seconded by Comm. Van Hoesen. A roll call vote was requested with the following result: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Zido – no, Comm. Van Hoesen – yes. The motion passed 2/1. The Chief will have the decal removed and replaced with the continuance of the stripe motif. The Commissioners agreed to authorize the cost of the change with a motion by Comm. Morrette, seconded by Comm. Van Hoesen. A roll call vote followed: Comm. Morrette – yes, Com. Zido – no, Comm. Van Hoesen – yes. The motion passed 2/1. Also discussed was the sale of the 2001 Ford Explorer. It was agreed by Resolution subject to a Permissive Referendum to offer the vehicle for sale to the public.

#### GOOD AND WELFARE:

Chief France reported that FF's Griffin and Capobianco have suggested and volunteered to lead a group of FF's to form an Honor Guard which would represent the Department with a professional appearance at wakes and other ceremonies. The individuals would be responsible for supplying their belts and shoes. Ceremonial axes would be supplied by the Department. There would be basically no cost to the Department. Credit would be given for participation on Department functions. Comm. Zido made a motion to approve the action. Comm. Morrette seconded the motion which passed 3/0.

Mr. David Gazillo from Poppy's Refreshment Stand has asked for permission to allow his patrons use the SSFD parking lot during the weekly, Tuesday evenings, car show. The Commissioners agreed based on past performance: no problems have ever been reported. The wood stored behind the shed will be removed – possibly to the shed at the Burn Room. The basketball hoop needs to be repaired and remounted. Co-Chairman Van Hoesen requested Chief France to prepare a proposal for the meeting next month that would outline the proposed and perceived projects the remainder of the year.

#### SERVICE AWARDS:

No report this month.

Co-Chairman Van Hoesen called for an executive session at 8:48 p.m. The executive session ended at 9:16 p.m.

Assistant Chairman Van Hoesen adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Hickey, Secretary