

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

Monthly Meeting Held January 06, 2010

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gordon Mahley at 7:11 p.m.

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

Chairman Mahley had two items to discuss before the regular meeting got underway: He requested more input from the Board on all matters brought before the group and he initiated a change in procedure whereby the privilege of the floor would be offered at the beginning of the meeting rather than at the end as is the current practice. He feels that this would be a courtesy to the attending public giving him/her a change to speak without waiting through a sometimes very lengthy meeting.

MINUTES: Motion to accept minutes, with corrections, from the December 02, 2009 meeting was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 5/0. Corrections follow: the Rotterdam Town Board will release funds to the Rotterdam Fire Chiefs Association rather than to SSFD. Motion to accept minutes of the December 30, 2009 – year-end close - out meeting – was made by Comm. Van Hoesen and seconded by Comm. Morrette. The motion was passed with a vote of 5/0.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A motion to pay the bills listed on the abstract dated January 06, 2010 was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Zido. Motion carried 5/0.

TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND:

Motion to transfer \$8,733.29 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. Zido stated that he has received a request to purchase the following items: (3) Name plates for turnouts, (2) molded seat organizers, Cairns 1010 helmet parts and (4) leather front shields, (12) pair wool lined mittens, (12) pair Auto X Gloves, and (2) CDM 1250 radios for 162 and 165 Including installation. The Board agreed to purchase these items.

#### TRUCK REPORT:

Comm. Wood reported the following:

- C-169            Repairs: New windshield wipers installed.  
                     Problems: None reported
- C-168            Repairs: None required  
                     Problems: None reported
- C-167            Repairs: None at this time  
                     Problems: Hole in muffler starting; sway bar making noise
- R-160            Repairs: None at this time  
                     Problems: Portable radios in radio bank need new batteries
- ETA-161        Repairs: None required  
                     Problems: None reported
- U-162            Repairs: None required  
                     Problems: None reported
- T-163            Repairs: None required  
                     Problems: None reported
- E-164            Repairs: Primer pump was repaired by KME  
                     Problems: Need to have KME look at oil pressure gage on dash
- U-165            Damage to rear passenger side; going to KME after first of the year.

Chief France requested that the following businesses be designated as agents for service and repair of the trucks and the Chiefs cars for the year 2010: KME for the apparatus, servicing, pump tests, service for the ladder, Borst Oil and Tire Centers and Joe Marcello for service of the Chiefs cars. Chief France reported on the status of new truck per a conversation with the KME representative. It will be delivered to Albany next week for final inspection by SSFD personnel.

#### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Comm. Morrette said that the wainscoting project will be completed within the next few weeks. Mr. Weiss will replace two (2) emergency lights at a cost of approximately \$50.00 each. As previously agreed by the Board, the air handlers located on the roof of the building will be replaced two at a time. Administrator MacMillan will set up the schedule for the work. Comm. Morrette noted that the door handle on the men's' rest room is broken. Mr. Weiss will replace it with a handle from the fitness room. Also reported is that parking continues to be an issue when the facilities are rented. Comm. Morrette will urge Mrs. Relyea to stress the statement in the contract that covers the parking regulations.

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

Comm. Van Hoesen asked Chief France to update current point list for Service Award eligibility. The Commissioners discussed the current cost of the cell

phones issued for department usage. It was decided that one unit would be eliminated as an economical measure. A motion was made by Comm. Morrette the delete this phone from our contract with Verizon. Comm. Zido seconded the motion. The result of the vote was 4/1, therefore the motion passed. Administrator MacMillan will contact Verizon to make this effective immediately.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES:

Comm. Van Hoesen reported that he and his committee will take a look at the recruitment and retention policies within the Department. He indicated that a focus on "volunteerism" for younger people would be a goal.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary acknowledged and read a letter received from John A. Nuzback, Fire Coordinator for Schenectady County regarding the prompt and efficient response by The South Schenectady Fire Department during the recent water breaks on Princetown Road. The letter is herewith attached. The Secretary also read an announcement regarding the Fire District Commissioners training available either in person or on-line offered through the offices of Scicchitano and Pinsky, Syracuse, New York and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fire Department Law and Management Conference which is scheduled for March 26-28, 2010, also offered through Scicchitano and Pinsky at the turning Stone Casino and Resort. Comm. Mahley and Comm. Zido indicated interest in attending the session. Comm. Van Hoesen is interested in a one-day session if available.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Comm. Morrette made a motion to transfer funds from the savings account to the general fund account to pay the bills listed on the January abstract. Comm. Wood seconded the motion. The Board voted 5/0 in favor of the motion. The Treasurer reported on the status of the various funds as shown in his report for the beginning of year 2010. A motion to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check to KME for the purchase of the pumper tanker was made by Comm. Wood. Chairman Mahley seconded the motion. The vote in favor was 5/0. Therefore our Treasurer will prepare the check for payment of the new truck to be handed to KME at the time of delivery.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Regarding the sale of the "old" pumper tanker truck: as of the current date no interest has been shown in the purchase thereof even with a reduction in the asking price. Our Administrator will consult with "Vinny" with whom we have a contract to sell the vehicle as to whether a commission is due to him if we make the contact with a buyer, i.e. via e-bay, Fire Magazine, 1<sup>st</sup> Responder. The Board further discussed the purchase of a new vehicle (Tahoe) for use of the Chief using the New York State contract. The vehicle would be white with a black interior. The cost of the vehicle would be taken from the Reserve Fund #3 (Command and Support Vehicles). The cost of the addition of lights, radio and stripping would come from Reserve Fund #4 (Taxes and Radio). Comm. Zido made a motion to approve this purchase and Comm. Morrette seconded the motion. A roll call vote approved the purchase as follows: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood – yes, Comm. Van Hoesen – yes, Comm.

Mahley – yes. The motion passed 5/0. A Permissive Referendum will submit to the Gazette newspaper for public review of this decision.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The Commissioners discussed and agreed that it would be appropriate to present a plaque to Angelo Tommasone in recognition of his service to the Department. Chief France noted that during the recent water break emergency within the town, the pump on Truck 164 was damaged. The Board discussed the option of requesting reimbursement from the Town for the cost of repair to the truck. A motion was made by Comm. Zido to send a letter including the estimate of the cost of the repairs to the Town Board requesting reimbursement the motion was seconded by Comm. Wood and the Board voted in favor by 5/0. The Board also approved the repair of the muffler and the “rattling sound in the front end” on Car 167. Comm. Van Hoesen spoke regarding the current status of our computer system. He stressed that we need dependable service and although FF Dennett, our Computer Technician, has made arrangements to have the problems corrected, the fact that the system has been “down” since the first week in December has caused much consternation on the part of the system users. Administrator MacMillan suggested that the Board consider a budgeted item next year to replace the system. The Commissioners discussed the suggested an update of the Dress Uniform Policy. After reviewing the document submitted by Chief France, and discussion thereof, Comm. Wood made a motion to accept the changes and Comm. Morrette seconded motion. A roll call vote followed with this result: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood – yes, Comm. Van Hoesen – yes, Comm. Mahley – yes. The motion passed 5/0. Chief France proposed the appointment of two (2) Truck Sergeants each of whom would report to a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. He discussed his reason for this proposal and the Board agreed with him. Comm. Zido made a motion to approve these appointments and Comm. Morrette seconded it. The vote to approve was 5/0. The Board reviewed the application of Andrew Lohman. The Board approved his application with a vote of 5/0.

#### GOOD AND WELFARE:

Chief France reported that two (2) members have not met the fire call percent and training hours. The Chief recommended that they be dropped. FF Montgomery and FF Mulyca each have five (5) years of service so that they are eligible to go social upon approval of the Company if they so choose. They will not be eligible for any service award. It was also his recommendation that FF Luckhurst be dropped as an active Firefighter. Comm. Wood made a motion to drop these individuals from membership as requested. Comm. Zido seconded the motion. A roll call vote result is as follows: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood – yes, Comm. Van Hoesen – yes, Comm. Mahley – no. The motion passed 4/1. Points for the Service Award have been calculated. A copy has been submitted to the Administrator and a copy has been posted. FF’s M. Miller, D. Murray, S. Dixon, B. Pouchak, D. Knights did make the cut so that they retain their active status but will not get any Service Award points. Chief France announced the following appointments: *Safety Officers*: Capt. Eric Rickson, Day Lt. Joe Caldara, Night Lt. Eric Moses, Members - Matt Fitzgerald,

Paul Hibbert. *Fire Police*: Capt. Anthony Amorosi, Anthony Farina, Richard Relyea, Kyle Stark. *Chaplin*: Tony Triano. *Department Fire Investigator*: Lloyd Denny, Jr. Comm. Wood made a motion to accept this appointment list and Comm. Zido seconded the motion. The Board voted 5/0 to approve.

**SERVICE AWARDS:**

Effective at the February meeting the Service Award point system will be as follows: 50 points required to be eligible for the retirement program; 25 points will allow the individual to remain active but no points will be forwarded to the retirement account.

One guest was present throughout the meeting and was given the privilege of the floor. Ms. Burns offered the suggestion to the Board that they take the opportunity to acknowledge the performance of the FF's, thanking them for the service that they give to the community. She also delivered a letter to each of the members of the Board. She requested the names of the Trustees. The Trustees serve through the Social arm of the organization and are as follows: Brian Pouchak, Michael Papasso, Anthony Triano, and James Zido.

Chairman Mahley adjourned the Executive Session 9:38 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Hickey, Secretary