

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 October 06, 2010

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

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

Chairman Mahley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Mahley acknowledged the guests attending this meeting. See
attached sign-in sheet.

The Chairman offered the Privilege of the Floor to those in attendance.
FF Steve Connell asked for permission to build a large shelf at the back of the
garage and permission to purchase the material necessary to build said shelf.
The shelf would be used to hold the material now taking up usable space on the
garage floor. Comm. Morrette asked for a written estimate of the cost of the
building supplies. In order to complete the project, the Buffalo would have to be
moved. The Commissioners will continue to discuss the disposition of the
Buffalo.

MINUTES:

Comm. Van Hoesen made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 01,
2010 meeting and Comm. Wood seconded it. The motion passed 5/0.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A motion to pay the bills listed on the abstract dated October 06, 2010, was
made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Van Hoesen. Motion carried
5/0. The abstract lists 43 items, with a total dollar amount of \$31,421.64.

TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND:

Motion to transfer \$31,421.64 from Savings to General Fund checking account to pay bills was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 5/0.

EQUIPMENT:

The Commissioners reviewed the equipment purchase requests as follows: Five (5) Motorola Min. 5 pagers from *Wells Communications*, Twenty (20) Yates NFPA Class 1 Escape Belts (Kevlar) from *The Firestore*, motion by Comm. Zido with second by Comm. Morrette, approved 5/0; One (1) complete set of turnout gear for FF Josh Carkner (include belt loops to accommodate the personal rescue system) and one (1) turnout coat for FF Paul Hibbert from *MES* (New York State contract). The Commissioners voted 5/0 to approve these purchases on a motion made by Comm. Zido and seconded by Comm. Van Hoesen. Also requested was the purchase of LED light for C-169. Comm. Zido made a motion to approve this purchase and Comm. Morrette seconded the motion. The vote in favor was 4/1.

TRUCK REPORT:

Comm. Wood reported that Chief France submitted the following truck report:

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| C-160 | Problems: No problems reported. Mileage reported as 4,734. |
| ETA 161 | Problems: The issue of water spilling out was addressed by <i>KME</i> . The Commissioners are aware that we had to cut down the overflow tube to eliminate the water from spilling over into the side compartments. (As the tanker goes down the road it spills water out on the road; certain members feel that we may be sued in the winter time because of the formation of ice from the spilled water). We are aware tankers do spill water no matter what. Chief France feels it is not necessary at this time. Mileage reported as 1486. |
| U-162 | Problems: Needs body work on box; starting to rust out. <i>KME</i> looking at it for repair. Will seek second estimate from <i>AC Body Works</i> per Comm. Wood. Mileage reported as 10,572. |
| T-163 | Problems: Lube system was checked over and cleaned and purged by <i>KME</i> . Mileage reported as 6,867. |
| E-164 | Problems: No problems reported. Mileage reported as 33,776. |
| U-165 | No problems reported. Mileage reported as 7,079. |
| C-167 | Repairs: Service was completed. Rear wheel bearing that was fixed earlier this year was loose and <i>Borst</i> tightened it. |

Transmission was replaced. Vehicle serviced. Mileage reported as 55,950.

C-168 No problems reported. Mileage reported as 27,894.

C-169 Problems: Was asked to get a price for the rear – blue/red LED lights as allowed by law. The cost is \$85.00 each. Mileage reported 8,040.

Buffalo: Regarding the Buffalo, the Chief recommended that we store it at the bus garage, if the Schalmont Central School Transportation Director will do so, and keep it until the Board decides what to do with it; or store it behind T-162 so that the garage can be opened for storage. At Comm. Wood's request, Chief France will form a committee to look into the possible restoration of the Buffalo.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

The work on the Barbecue pit is complete except for one coat of stucco on the surface. Comm. Wood and a motion to purchase a tarp to be used for a cover and Comm. Van Hoesen seconded the motion. The vote in favor was 5/0. The funds for this purchase will come from the remaining insurance claim account. The Ansel Tank in the kitchen has been replaced; a stainless steel unit has been installed. The on-going problem with the siren was discussed. To install a new breaker plus a new circuit to initialize the roof siren unit would cost at least \$2,000.00 as there is a great deal of work involved. Action on this item was tabled until more information can be gathered.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

No report this month.

LEASE LINES, INSURANCE AND SERVICE AWARDS:

It was noted that locating the siren mechanism on the roof of our building would be cost effective as the *Verizon* charge would be eliminated. Further information will be gathered before a final decision is made. The County base is to be reprogrammed to "narrow band"; therefore our decoder will have to be reprogrammed. No report this month for either insurance or service awards.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary reported that all required arrangements for presentation of the Preliminary Budget to the residents of Rotterdam Fire District Six have been completed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Assistant Treasurer Jeff Denofrio reported on the status of the current budget accounts. Comm. Wood made a motion to accept this report and Comm. Zido offered a second. The motion passed 5/0. The public hearing for the 2011 budget has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 19th. The final 2011 Budget will be adapted on November 3rd, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was presented for discussion

NEW BUSINESS:

Comm. Morrette suggested that a letter of commendation be prepared for Administrator MacMillan and Secretary Hickey for the work involved with the Darrell vs. District Six law suit. Comm. Morrette noted that (some of) the Firefighters are unhappy with the change in the by-laws whereby officers are to be elected to an office for two years. The Commissioners acknowledged this complaint. No action was deemed necessary since the By-Law change was posted and presented at a Membership meeting. The motion made by Comm. Van Hoesen and seconded by Comm. Wood to adopt the emergency NFPA Standard for Emergency Bailout and Rescue Rope Standard passed with a vote of 5/0. This action will require the purchase of equipment to implement the new regulations. A permissive resolution to transfer the sum of \$5,200.00 from the Equipment Reserve Fund was passed by the Commissioners and publication of a notice announcing this permissive resolution will be published in *The Daily Gazette*. A motion to this effect was made by Comm. Van Hoesen and seconded by Comm. Zido. A roll call to approve this resolution is as follows: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood – yes, Comm. Van Hoesen – yes, Comm. Mahley – yes. The motion passed 5/0. An application for membership was received from Tyler Cole. The application was reviewed by the Commissioners and a motion was moved by Comm. Morrette with a second by Comm. Van Hoesen to accept this applicant. The vote in favor was 5/0. Chief France reported that Rotterdam Emergency Medical Services (REMS) has requested use of the Community Room for public hearings to present their program to the town residents. The proposed meetings would be held on November 30th beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Commissioners agreed to allow Rotterdam EMS to use our facility on the dates listed. Comm. Zido stated that a request from the Members for the purchase new floor covering and furniture for the social room at a cost of \$3,600.00. Comm. Zido made a motion to approve this request however no one offered a second so no action was taken by the Board. It was noted that the membership has the responsibility for maintenance of that room. Chief France requested permission to attend the Effective Leadership Training Seminar to be held at Shaker Road High School on November 04, 2010. The cost for registration is \$20.00. Comm. Van Hoesen made a motion to honor this request and Comm. Zido seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5/0. Comm. Van Hoesen indicated that he would like to attend the fall 2010 Training Workshop scheduled to be held at West Sand Lake on October 16th. The registration fee is \$35.00. Comm. Morrette made a motion to approve this expenditure and Comm. Wood seconded it. The motion passed 5/0.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Comm. Wood and Comm. Morrette met with FF Jill Relyea, Rental Coordinator, to discuss the responsibilities of that position. FF Relyea indicated that she enjoys handling the property rentals and would like to continue as Rental Coordinator. The Commissioners will consider a salary for the position. The Commissioners also are considering several changes in the rental contract and will discuss these further at the next meeting. A discussion was held with Chief

France pertaining to *live fire exercises* at The Tower. He will ensure proper procedures are followed. The three probationary FF's are getting good reports and there are no issues with their progress. The Board went into Executive session at 8:33 p.m. and returned to regular session at 8:52 p.m. Comm. Van Hoesen requested that the Board voice support the Rotterdam Emergency Medical Service (REMS). Comm. Wood made a motion to this effect and Comm. Morrette seconded the motion. A vote of favor of support for the REMS was 5/0.

Comm. Van Hoesen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Zido seconded the motion. The Commissioners agreed and Chairman Mahley adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry R. Hickey, Secretary