

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 August 04, 2010

PRESENT: Comm. Mahley, Comm. Morrette, Comm. Wood, Comm.  
Van Hoesen, 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 offered the privilege of the floor to the person in the gallery.  
FP Richard Fontaine spoke in regard to the SSFD siren and the working  
condition thereof. Chairman Mahley indicated that the topic would be addressed  
during the regular meeting.

**MINUTES:**

Comm. Wood made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 07, 2010 meeting  
and Comm. Van Hoesen seconded it. The motion passed 5/0.

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:**

A motion to pay the bills listed on the abstract dated August 04, 2010, was made  
by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 5/0.  
The Abstract lists 37 items, with a total dollar amount of \$73,170.38

**TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND:**

Motion to transfer \$73,170.38 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:**

Requests were received for the following items. Two (2) Streamlight hand lights  
for T-164. Currently two (2) have cracked cases and are original to the engine.  
We are unable to locate just the case seeing they longer make the DIV 1 or DIV2  
models. Comm. Zido made a motion to approve this purchase and Comm. Wood  
seconded the motion which passed 5/0. One (1) Cairns Helmet to replace

helmet damaged belonging to former Capt. Wolf. Comm. Wood made the motion to approve the purchase of this item and Comm. Zido seconded the motion which passed 5/0. Also discussed was the issuance of Knox Box keys. Comm. Van Hoesen made a motion that all Knox Box keys are to be issued to officers at the discretion of the Chief. Comm. Wood seconded the motion. The vote was in favor 5/0. Chief France reported that the experiment of using E85 fuel in C-169 was unsuccessful. He reported that it took two (2) tanks of regular fuel to clean it out of the tank. He will continue to use regular gasoline fuel in the vehicle.

#### TRUCK REPORT:

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

- C-160 Repairs: Knob on cascade replaced and lock is going to be checked on cascade doors. Open door warning light – changed bulbs – KME to check. All issues repaired. Problems: Rope lights in rear cabinet will not stay up. Chief Denny is looking into and repairing. Mileage reported as 4,685.
- ETA 161 Problems: Flushed tank and pump. Mileage reported as 692.7.
- U-162 Problems: Needs body work on box; starting to rust out. Bob Purdy was to do work, would like to get it done. Mileage reported as 1,049.
- T-163 Problems: Have issues regarding air gauges. KME is looking into this with factory. Misc.: ladder testing was conducted on 08/03/10. Mileage reported as 6,725.
- E-164 AC parts are on order. Just passed pump test. Pump is showing signs of wear and tear. Misc.: ladder testing was conducted on 08/03/10. Mileage reported as 33,435.
- U-165 No problems reported. Mileage reported as 6,961
- C-167 No problems reported. Mileage reported as 55,333.
- C-168 No problems reported. Mileage reported as 30,336.
- C-169 Problems: Ran E85 in car. Car did not run too well with it in system. Mileage reported 5,658. Note that the stickers have been applied to T-163. KME (John Cameron) will review the report re this issue. Also discussed was the recommendation that all eight (8) tires should be changed every seven (7) years.

#### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Chief France asked for authorization to replace the Dry-Erase Board in the classroom. Comm. Morrette made a motion to approve the purchase of a new board. Comm. Wood seconded the motion which passed 5/0. Regarding the ongoing problems with the computer system routers, Comm. Van Hoesen offered to contact a consultant to perform an evaluation of the current system and offer an assessment of the upgrades needed to bring the system to current working standards. Comm. Morrette confirmed that the barbecue pit was severely damaged during a pavilion event. The responsible individual has agreed to pay for the repair and the insurance company has reviewed the claim. FF Pallleschi has agreed to rebuild the unit. The Commissioners agreed that it should be made somewhat larger and that a cover should be purchased. Comm. Van Hoesen suggested that new grates be installed. The Commissioners

agreed to these suggested improvements. Comm. Morrette reported that the evergreen trees have been planted near the main entrance door. He also reported that he has been in contact with *Capital Signsmith* representative regarding scheduling a class to be trained to program the electronic sign. Further information will follow. Comm. Morrette and Chief France have reviewed the situation with the apparent malfunction of the siren located on the roof of our building. They reviewed the property deed and have spoken with Mr. Lewandowski, from whom the property was purchased, to ascertain that no obstacle to placing the siren on the roof was written into the original purchase paperwork. It was agreed that the current system will be used until the breaker needs to be replaced at which time the required new wiring will be installed and the roof siren will become operative. Comm. Morrette discussed the situation that developed following the recent rental of the Community Room for a wedding party. The renters left the room in complete disarray and were rude when asked to clean the area before leaving. Comm. Wood indicated that it required (8) Firefighters to pitch in to clean the area. Vice President Steven Connell suggested increasing the amount of the deposit to \$300.00 when large number guests are expected to encourage adherence to the contract agreement re leaving the area clean and neat. The Commissioners decided to increase the deposit and to assure that the Rental Coordinator Relyea conveys to the responsible individual that the deposit will not be returned if the conditions of the contract are not met. Comm. Morrette will advise Rental Coordinator Relyea not to book weddings for the year 2011 as that function usually includes a large number of people and have caused problems in the past. The Commissioners also addressed double booking the facilities and the problems and potential problems this creates. Comm. Zido addressed the problems that have developed regarding cars parked on the lawn in a less than orderly manner during these events. After discussion the Commissioners confirmed that car parking is to be restricted to the right side of the building including the grassy area. At no time are the event participants to park at the rear of the building or in any other area which is designated for the firefighters. Comm. Wood made a motion, which Comm. Zido seconded, to eliminate double bookings for the remainder of the year and to raise the amount of the booking deposit to \$200.00 for non-members. The motion passed 5/0. Comm. Morrette will notify Rental Coordinator Relyea of these changes.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES:

Comm. Van Hoesen reported that a certified letter has been sent to, and received by, Mr. William Gauthier regarding his status with the Department. Since Mr. Gauthier has not responded, Comm. Van Hoesen made a motion to drop Mr. Gauthier from active membership in the Department. Comm. Wood seconded the motion and the results of a roll call vote follows: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Zido – no, Comm. Wood – yes, Comm. Van Hoesen – yes, Comm. Mahley – yes. The motion passed 4/1. A listing of the percentage of Firefighter response was distributed to the Commissioners by Chief France. Notification letters have been sent to those FF who are not meeting the criteria.

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

The new cell phone units have been received and are activated. It is noted that the cell phone contract with *Verizon* is for one-year.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

No report this month.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Assistant Treasurer Jeff Denofrio reported that the audit for the Year 2009 is now complete and has been submitted to the State of New York. He will supply information regarding the Department finances for the remainder of the year so that the Commissioners can schedule a budget workshop for August 18<sup>th</sup> to begin to prepare the District Six budget for the coming year. Comm. Van Hoesen suggested that a time line be set up for the preparation of the final budget as well as for the election coming up in the fall. Comm. Wood made a motion to accept this report and Comm. Zido offered a second. The motion passed 5/0.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Comm. Van Hoesen questioned the time frame in which the barbecue pit repair will be completed. Comm. Morrette assured him that it will be done in a timely manner.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

As discussed earlier, the rental contract will show an increased deposit fee and the Rental Coordinator will be advised not to book the areas after January 1st 2011.

#### GOOD AND WELFARE:

Chief France gave his report which included a request for permission to attend the Altamont Fair on August 18<sup>th</sup> with T-161 at the invitation of the Albany County Fire Coordinators office. Comm. Zido made a motion to approve this request and Comm. Van Hoesen seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 5/0. The Chief informed the Commissioners that Capt. Steve Wolfe has departed the area for an undetermined period of time. Chief France has appointed FF Scott Zido to the position. The Chief requested the issuance of a (computer) password and building access for Capt. Zido. Training is continuing for the various pieces of fire department equipment. Chief France also noted that a school for autistic children will be opening in September 2010 in Bldg. 50 in the Industrial Park. The school will enroll 75 children between the ages of four years thru seventeen years. The school will be known as The Crossroads. School officials will schedule a lecture on autism for representative of the fire department, the police department and interested parties. It will be mandatory for district personnel to attend. The Chief stated the he will be responsible for installing or replacing road signs designating the SSFD fire district areas.

Chairman Mahley adjourned the meeting at 8:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry R. Hickey, Secretary