

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 September 01, 2010

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

ABSENT: Comm. Wood, District Administrator MacMillan

STAFF PRESENT: 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.

Chairman Mahley's first order of business was to open and review the bids for
the Snow Removal contract for the 2010-2011 season. Two bids were received:
DR and Son Lawn Care and Snow Plowing (\$6,625.00) and *MFP Plowing*
(\$5,500.00). The bid from *MFP Plowing* was the lower price and was accepted
with a motion made by Comm. Morrette, seconded by Comm. Van Hoesen and
confirmed with a roll call vote as follows: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Zido –
yes, Comm. Van Hoesen -yes, Comm. Mahley – yes. Accepted 4/0.

Chairman Mahley requested an executive session at 7:12 p.m. which continued
until 7:34 p.m.

MINUTES:

Comm. Van Hoesen made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 04,
2010 meeting and Comm. Morrette seconded it. The motion passed 4/0.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A motion to pay the bills listed on the abstract dated September 01, 2010, was
made by Comm. Van Hoesen and seconded by Comm. Zido. Motion carried 4/0.
The abstract lists 32 items, with a total dollar amount of \$22,173.69.

TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND:

Motion to transfer \$22,173.69 from Savings to General Fund checking account to pay bills was made by Comm. Morrette and seconded by Comm. Van Hoesen. Motion carried 4/0.

EQUIPMENT:

The Commissioners reviewed the equipment purchase requests as follows. Two (2) PR 400 VHF portable radios with chargers. A motion was made to purchase these radios by Comm. Zido and seconded by Comm. Morrette. The Chairman called for a roll call vote with the following result: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Van Hoesen – yes, Comm. Mahley – no. The final vote was in favor of the purchase 3/1. Discussion regarding the request to purchase a TFT Blitzfire Oscillating Monitor brought a motion by Comm. Zido to approve the request with a second by Comm. Morrette. The Chairman called for a roll call vote the results of which follow: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Van Hoesen – abstain, Comm. Mahley – yes. The Commissioners approved the purchase with a vote of 3/0. Next the Commissioners considered a request to purchase one (1) pair of Pro Warrington Leather boots (Lt. Laustrup). Comm. Zido made a motion to approve the purchase. Comm. Van Hoesen seconded the motion and the Commissioners voted 4/0 in favor. The purchase of fire fighting foam for ETA-161 and a supply for stock was discussed; no action was taken at this meeting.

TRUCK REPORT:

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

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| C-160 | Problems: One bad radio charger; will remove and send for repair. Mileage reported as 4,705. |
| ETA 161 | Problems: Pressure hose on foam tank popped off and we lost all foam on 08/07/2010. Refilling foam tank.
Repairs: KME responded on 08/08/2010 to repair pressure hose on foam tank. Mileage reported as 787.5. |
| U-162 | Problems: Needs body work on box; starting to rust out. Request to take truck to AC Body Works for repair. Mileage reported as 10,533. |
| T-163 | Problems: Have issues regarding air gauges. KME is looking into with factory for service. Mileage reported as 6,795. |
| E-164 | AC installed 08/23/2010 ad sent to KME for system recharge. Mileage reported as 10,532. |
| U-165 | No problems reported. Mileage reported as 7,040. |
| C-167 | Problems: Due for service. Mike will have this done. Mileage reported as 55,575. |
| C-168 | Problems: Due for NYS inspection. First Assistant Chief will set up appointment. Mileage reported as 30,981. |
| C-169 | Repairs: Oil change and tires rotated by Borst on 08/24/10. Mileage reported 6,734. |

Chief France reported that Assist. Chief Denny suggested that it would be cost effective to purchase come cleaning material in bulk rather than small amounts

as is the current practice. Comm. Zido and Chief France will prepare a proposal for the Commissioners to consider at the October meeting.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Comm. Morrette reported that *ESCO, Inc.* has ordered the necessary part to repair the furnace. He has confirmed with the Rental Coordinator that the property rental deposit has been increased to \$200.00 per event and that no weddings are to be booked because of the problems that have ensued. Comm. Zido requested that the lawn be cut longer for the remainder of the season. The Barbecue pit is a work-in-progress.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Comm. Van Hosen noted that the problems with probationary Firefighters had already been reviewed and that Chief France will follow-up as necessary.

LEASE LINES, INSURANCE AND SERVICE AWARDS:

The Commissioners discussed the on-going problem with the siren. Also discussed was radio service that is required in order to communicate with the Fort Hunter District when mutual aid requires the use of the SSFD pumper-tanker truck. Comm. Zido made a motion to purchase the radios as it is a safety issue. Comm. Van Hoesen seconded the motion and the vote of approval was 3/1. The Chief reported that the pagers which were ordered in June have been received and are in the process of being programmed by *Wells Communication Service, Inc.* He reported that there is one (1) more Min 4 that needs repair and that the radio chip for HT - 1250 has been ordered. A report showing a complete check of the radios and chargers was submitted to the Commissioners. Regarding the issue of access to the Knox Box at the Industrial Park location, it was noted that a request for a key has been duly signed for and said key has been issued to Chief Wes Blessing of the Pine Grove Department.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary read a letter received from Guy Comparetta, Deputy Coordinator, Office of the Fire Coordinator, Albany County Sheriff's Office, commending South Schenectady Fire District personnel for the professionalism presented while displaying apparatus and the positive attitude exhibited while interacting with the public. The secretary requested the Commissioners to select the calendars needed for the year 2011 and Comm. Morrette requested that the Secretary continue to watch for sale prices for copy paper as the supply is getting low.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Assistant Treasurer Jeff Denofrio reported on the status of the current budget accounts. Comm. Zido made a motion to accept this report and Comm. Van Hoesen offered a second. The motion passed 4/0. The Assistant Treasurer also discussed the 2011 preliminary budget which the Commissioners are preparing and will continue working on at a workshop meeting on September 22nd at which time a preliminary budget will be finalized. He also presented a time-line for the budget process for completion of the final 2011 budget process. Comm. Morrette urged the Commissioners to be prudent in trying to lower the budget too much as the lower amount of the line items may be difficult to adhere to by the

end of the 2011 budget period. He suggested that the budget remain the same as the one currently in effect. He also asked that the Commissioners take into consideration that the cost of truck maintenance will undoubtedly increase over the next two years. The public hearing for the budget has been scheduled for 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 brought up the subject of the disposition of the Buffalo (truck). He noted that storage space on the premises is limited; that it is not in running order; that it would not be cost effective to get it running; that further it is impossible to obtain the necessary parts for repair; that no interest has been shown in continuing maintenance on the vehicle. Comm. Morrette suggested donating it to the Saratoga Car Museum in memory of Mr. Lewis Golub. (Mr. Golub was an honorary member of the SSFD and the Golub Corporation has been extremely generous with respect to the SSFD.) Comm. Zido felt that it should remain here. Action on this topic was tabled until the October meeting. In regard to the limit on the limited storage space in the garage area, Chief France will organize a work party to review and dispose of the unused material that is currently stored in the garage building.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Firefighter James J. waters has submitted a request for retirement disability payout. The Commissioners reviewed his request and voted on a motion made by Comm. Van Hoesen, seconded by Comm. Morrette to approve processing his request. A roll call vote in favor by 4/0 as follows: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Zido - yes, Comm. Van Hoesen – yes, Comm. Mahley – yes. The Commissioners and Chief will look for ways to reduce the wear and tear on T-164. The Chief noted that the next Town Chiefs meeting is scheduled for September 12th and the SFD Open House is set for October 9th.

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 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry R. Hickey, Secretary