

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

Monthly Meeting Held December 03, 2008

Meeting called to order by Chairman William G. MacMillan at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Comm. MacMillan, Comm. Mahley, Comm. Morrette,
Comm. Wood, Comm. Zido

Chairman MacMillan opened and read the two (2) bids received for the new Tanker/Pumper Truck. The first bid was from Wildfire Apparatus, representing Rosenbauer Firefighting Technology in the amount of \$515,000.00. The second bid was from KME Fire Apparatus. in the amount of \$528,929.00. The Commissioners reserved the right to examine these bids and to make a determination within the next thirty (30) days. Both parties will be notified by telephone and e-mail regarding the final decision.

MINUTES: Motion to accept minutes from November 05, 2008, minutes with corrections made by Comm. Mahley and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 5/0.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A motion to pay the bills listed on the abstract dated December 03, 2008 was made by Comm. Mahley and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 5/0.

TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND:

Motion to transfer funds from Savings to General Fund checking account to pay bills was made by Comm. Mahley and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 5/0.

EQUIPMENT:

Acting Chief France indicated that two (2) turnout coats will be repaired.

TRUCK REPORT:

Comm. Zido reported the following:

C-167	No problems reported, ready for service
C-168	No problems reported, ready for service

- C-169 No problems reported
On Chief's car's to look into ordering floor mats for all Chiefs cars along with the mat for rear of vehicles also.
- U-162 Hood dented, fixed by Department. Front tires are starting to cup. Comm. Morrette indicated that this can be corrected by reversing them)
- U-165 No problems reported
- ETA – 161 Handle on intake valve broke *we are in process of fixing)
- R-160 No problems reported.
- T-163 Cover on battery charger broke (part ordered), have ordered that the pump panel cover and stick control cover be put on for winter.
- E-164 Had problem with deck gun discharge. Lt. Duff fixed.
- K-12 Switch has been ordered by Capt. Denny at All Seasons Equipment.
In process of taking care of SCBA recall repair.

A motion to accept the truck report was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Morrette. The vote was in favor 5/0.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

The floor machine needs a new switch which has been ordered. The problem caused by a key breaking off. Acting Chief France reported that the problem with standing water at the road edge of SSFD property will be corrected by the County in the spring by laying a drainage line across the driveway and draining the water onto the grass area. A motion was made by Comm. Morrette to accept this plan. The motion was seconded by Comm. Zido. A roll call resulted as followed: Comm. Morrette – yea, Comm. Mahley – present, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood. – yes, Comm. MacMillan – yes. The motion passed 4/0.

LEASE LINES:

Comm. Wood reported that changing our service to Time-Warner Business Class will result in considerable cost savings. The cost of combined cable service will be \$329.00 per month as compared to \$517.00 pr month from Verizon. Comm. Wood made a motion to switch service to Time-Warner with the exception of the siren and emergency lines. Comm. Zido seconded the motion and the vote in favor was 5/0. Comm. Wood made a motion to order four (4) cell phones used by the chiefs from Nextel/Sprint using a government rate contract available to us at a very favorable cost. Comm. Morrette seconded the motion and the vote in favor was 5/0.

INSURANCE:

Comm. Wood also reported that he is still gathering information regarding the upcoming mandatory physical examinations of firefighters. This program must be in place by February 2009. Commissioners Wood and MacMillan will meet with County Emergency Manager John Nuzback in a continuing effort to find the best price available for the service.

Acting Chief France indicated that he posted and e-mailed information to each individual regarding participation. Fifteen members have responded to date.

SERVICE AWARDS:

No reported this month.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The secretary reported that all arrangements have been completed for the upcoming election scheduled for December 09, 2008.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Comm. Mahley and seconded by Comm. Morrette. Motion carried 5/0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Continued discussion on the previously tabled request by FF Darrell and FF Mickle to have the district pay for costs involved with a class at the Fire Academy. The request was denied .based on the cost involved would not benefit the District. The Commissioners were reminded the annual Close-out meeting of the Board has been scheduled for December 29th, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Also discussed was the tabled suggestion offered by FF Darrell that a Health Tags system be implemented within SSFD whereby each member would be required to have health information on person at all times. It was decided that a program as extensive as this is not necessary in our Department. Acting Chief France reminded the Board that FF ID cards are available through the Rotterdam Police Department at a cost of \$10.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

A permissive resolution to allocate funds for the new Tanker/Pumper truck will be presented after the first of the year. The Acting Chief will evaluate the soon to be surplus Tanker/Pumper prior to offering it for sale. The offer of sale will be made at a time approximately half way to the delivery date of the new unit. The date and time of the 2009 organizational meeting has been announced as January 07, 2009, at 7:00 pm with a regular meeting to follow. The Commissioners reviewed an application for membership submitted by Gianni Palleschi. Comm. Zido made a motion to accept Mr. Palleschi's application. The motion was seconded by Comm. Mahley and the vote in favor was 5/0.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Comm. MacMillan offered the privilege of the floor to assembled members. A question regarding rental of the facilities was presented.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:37 and resumed regular session at 9:10 pm.

Comm. MacMillan adjourned the meeting at 9:11. pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry R. Hickey, Secretary

December 03, 2008

Executive Session

Extensive discussion was held regarding rental hall and decision of who is eligible to rent the facilities at member consideration. The Commissioners will prepare and be responsible for a set of rules governing the rental of facilities. It was noted that when a member makes rental arrangements, the member must be present at the event. The Board agreed to look into setting up work station for use by the Rental Coordinator at a location other than the commissioners' room.

Decision was made that from now on all pictures to be mounted on SSFD building walls, shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Also discussed at length was the situation involving the Christmas decoration that were put up by FF Capobianco and taken down by Jill Relyea.

The Board reviewed and compared the specification for the new Tanker/Pumper truck as submitted by Wildfire Apparatus and KME Fire Apparatus and found that Wildfire did not meet the specs in six (6) specific areas. A motion was made to accept the KME bid due to the fact that their met our bid specifications. A roll call vote to accept KME's bid is as follows: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Mahley – yes, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. WOOD – YES, Comm. MacMillan – yes. The motion passed 5/0