

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 MAY 07, 2008

Meeting called to order by Chairman Wm. G. MacMillan at 7:00 p.m.

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

Invited Guests: Mr. William Van Hoesen – Schenectady County Director of
Emergency Management, Mr. John Nuzback – Schenectady
County Fire Coordinator

MINUTES: Motion to accept minutes as presented from the April 02, 2008
meeting made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Mahley. Motion
carried 5/0.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A motion to pay the bills listed on the abstract dated May 07, 2008, was made by
Comm. Wood 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 made by Comm. Morrette and seconded by Comm. Mahley. Motion carried
5/0.

The meeting recessed at 7:12 p.m.

Guests Mr. Van Hoesen and Mr. Nuzback, discussed the status of the
Emergency Management System within Schenectady County and, in particular,
the communication systems available now and in the future. Input from the
Commissioners will be appreciated.

The NIMS compliances are out and fire grants will be pursued.

The meeting reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

EQUIPMENT:

Comm. Mahley presented the equipment requests submitted by Chief DeLorenzo
as follows:

AED Patches (2) Medtronic Adult Pads, (2) Medtronic Ped Pads (4) Brush Fire Rakes

(15) Chamois

(4) Collapsible Indian Tanks

(1) Fire Police Traffic Safety Hi-Visibility 5 in 1 Coat

(1) 2-1 Traffic Baton

A motion to approve these purchases was made by Comm. Mahley and seconded by Comm. Morrette. The motion carried 5/0.

TRUCK REPORT:

Comm. Zido reported the following:

R-160 No problems reported.

ETA-161 An air leak was detected in the engine compartment area of the apparatus. A regulator located near the oil fill was found to be leaking. KME was notified. The regulator that is leaking is part of the cab tilt. KME has ordered the part and will be in to replace the part when it comes in.

U-162 No problems reported.

T-163 No problems reported.

ETA-164 As reported last month, the water that was leaking from the roof was due to the warning lights wiring harness not being water proof anymore. KME fixed the problem and no further incidents have occurred at this time.

U-165 No problems reported.

Car-167 No problems reported.

Car-168 Warranty work to roof was completed and lights were re-installed.

Car 169 No problems reported.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Mahley and seconded by Comm. Morrette to have preventative maintenance performed on our trucks by KME. The motion passed 5/0.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Comm. Morrette reported that the maintenance on our tractor will be done by Quality Small Engine Repair - John Konik. The old machine has a bad oil leak. A motion was made by Comm. Zido and seconded by Comm. Wood to have the leak repaired. The motion passed 5/0. Also discussed was painting and repairing the rusted areas of the machine. A motion was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm.

Mahley to have the work done. The motion passed 5/0. The work will be done next week.

Comm. Morrette indicated the need for a considerable amount of mulch to be used to improve the appearance of the grounds around our building. This mulch is available as a gift to the Department. Chief DeLorenzo will pursue locating a truck to transport the material.

A motion was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Zido to purchase a new siren controller from B & N Electrical & Communications, LLC. The Controller will automatically adjust for Day Light Savings time. The results of a roll call vote are as follows: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Mahley – no, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood – yes, Comm. MacMillan – yes. The motion passed 4/1.

The discussion re: sealing or resurfacing blacktop area around our building was tabled to next month's meeting.

Chief DeLorenzo indicated that the *Kenwood* portable radio is overheating and requests replacement. He noted that *Motorola* is on state contract and that Wells Wireless Communications is the sole provider for the HT 1250 portable radio that was priced.

Comm. MacMillan introduced a RESOLUTION to standardize to Motorola Radio products within the District. Comm. MacMillan made a motion which was seconded by Comm. Wood to accept this resolution. The results of a roll call vote are as follows: Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. Mahley – yes, Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood – yes, Comm. MacMillan – yes. The motion passed 5/0.

1st Assistant Chief France submitted a request for material for Fire Prevention Week. Comm. Wood made a motion, seconded by Comm. Morrette to approve this purchase. The motion passed 5/0.

Chief DeLorenzo is trying to schedule a training class for T-163. He will continue his report next meeting.

LEASE LINES:

No report.

INSURANCE:

No report.

SERVICE AWARDS:

No report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The commissioners agreed to a suggestion made by the Secretary that a meeting agenda be prepared prior to the beginning of the Wednesday meeting. This would help to keep the meeting "on track." Each Commissioner will send items to be included in the meeting discussion to the secretary by the Tuesday prior to the meeting. The agenda would be prepared and distributed to each Commissioner on Tuesday.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Comm. Mahley and seconded by Comm. Wood. Motion carried 5/0. The auditor will be here for an informational meeting during the first week of June.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

To make the Board aware of a situation involving safety issues, Chief DeLorenzo reported that malicious mischief has been occurring on department property. He will record the dates and extent of the activities and has requested a change in the location of the surveillance cameras to allow a better view of the bay area. The training instructor from KME is offering a two (2) day class as follows: Day one is a 10-12 hour session. On day two – the trainer critiques members of the class as they demonstrate what they have learned. Chief DeLorenzo recommends that we have (6) members attend the training class. These members will be certified to continue the training of other members. A motion to arrange to hold this class during the 2nd week in June was made by Comm. Zido and seconded by Comm. Mahley. The resulting vote was 5/0.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

1st Assistant Chief France reported that former fire fighters Costello, Currado, and Mercoglan have not responded to department requests to turn in uniforms. A motion was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Morrette to pursue this impasse by taking further action. The motion passed 5/0

Chief DeLorenzo read a letter was Kurt Minersagen, Chairman-Rotterdam Fire District Two, addressed to George VanSchaick, Chairman-Rotterdam Fire District Seven regarding the proposed Burn Room. No action was required.

Comm. Wood asked that the minutes reflect the appreciation of the Board for the exemplary response by members of the SSFD Organization during the time of bereavement of the DeLorenzo family.

Chief DeLorenzo will attend the Town Chiefs meeting; the district should have representation at these meetings.

The meeting went into executive session at 9:23 p.m. and reconvened at 9:49 p.m.

Comm. Mac Millan declared that personal relationships with the Department must improve; that bickering must stop. He stated that when a complaint is made action must be taken, that all members are on equal ground and there should be no "playing favorites." From today forward if a threat is made, as "...I'll get a lawyer..." than the individual will do so. Likewise a threat "...to quit..." indicates that the individual is resigning from the organization and a letter of resignation is forthcoming.

Chief DeLorenzo will send letters to the three individuals from whom uniforms are due. In addition former fire fighter Mercoglan will be dropped from the insurance rolls.

Comm. MacMillan adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Hickey, Secretary