

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 September 03, 2008

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

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

MINUTES: Motion to accept minutes as presented from the August 06, 2008, meeting was made by Comm. Wood 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 September 03, 2008, was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Zido. Motion carried 5/0.

TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND:

Motion to transfer \$85,010.81 from Savings to General Fund checking account to pay bills was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Zido. Motion carried 5/0.

EQUIPMENT:

No equipment requests were submitted to this meeting.

TRUCK REPORT:

Comm. Zido reported the following:

R-160	Horn not working – Lt. Knightes repairing on own. Driver side windshield wiper not seating properly – KME notified and will repair. Driver side and passenger side springs, both have one broken u-clamp – KME notified and will repair.
ETA-161	No problems reported.
U-162	No problems reported.
T-163	No problems reported.
ETA-164	No problems reported.
U-165	No problems reported.

Car-167 No problems reported.
Car-168 No problems reported.
Car-169 No problems reported.

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:

Comm. Morrette reported that the exhaust motor that is mounted on the roof of the building seems to be burned out. Verification of the problem and service will be ordered. Comm. Morrette also reported that the mechanism for operating the overhead doors has been serviced and is now working properly. A motion to accept this report was made by Comm. Zido and seconded by Comm. Wood. The vote of 5/0 reflects Approval.

LEASE LINES:

Comm. Wood reported that he has reviewed the telephone bills prior to the Commissioners' meeting again this month. He will continue to try to get a more cost effective rate for the services that we require. At this time, however, there is no opportunity for lower rates therefore the current rates will prevail.

INSURANCE:

Comm. MacMillan has contacted the Insurance Company regarding the claim to be filed for recent damages to District vehicle 161 while responding to a mutual aid call. The estimate of damages is approximately \$3,000.00. A motion was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Zido to repair the damages and to file a claim with our Insurance Company and with the Pattersonville Volunteer Fire Department to recoup the costs.

SERVICE AWARDS:

Up to date participation report letters have been mailed to members. A second letter may be sent later in the year. A motion was made by Comm. Zido to accept this report and seconded by Comm. Morrette. The motion passed 5/0

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary read a notice from the Association of Fire Districts of the Capital Area Inc. regarding the next general meeting of the organization. The scheduled meeting is to be held on September 20, 2008, beginning at 10:00 AM., at the Stillwater Fire Department.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Comm. Zido and seconded by Comm. Wood. Motion carried 5/0. The Commissioners will meet on September 22nd at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the budget for 2009. A public hearing on the budget will be held on October 21, 2008.

OLD BUSINESS:

Comm. MacMillan reported that he has contacted the Carver Sand and Gravel, Inc., regarding several areas of the parking lot that need attention before

acceptance of the work and final payment to the company. A review of the Globe Fire suites was tabled to next month because the sample suit was not available to the Commissioners to evaluate.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commissioners discussed offering compensation to Jill Relyea for the time and effort involved with coordinating the rental of the hall and the pavilion. A motion was made by Comm. Wood to reimburse mileage costs on a monthly basis. The motion was seconded by Comm. Morrette and passed with a vote of 5/0.

(Comm. Mahley excused himself from the meeting because he was not feeling well.)

Former Chief Relyea voiced concern regarding his opinion of the state of affairs within the Fire Company. He charges the Chief and Commissioners with unequal discipline for offenses and/or violation of by laws. A petition, signed by 19 members was submitted to the Board stating that the signers *"... pledge to stop/or continue not participating in ALL aspects of membership of the South Schenectady Fire Department...until such time as James DeLorenzo is removed from the office of Chief."*

The Meeting went into closed session at 7:44 p.m. and regular meeting resumed at 10:14 P.M.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

FF Darrell asked if the Commissioners were willing to vote on retaining James DeLorenzo a Chief. The Commissioners gave a vote of confidence to the Chief as follows: Comm. Zido – yes, Comm. Wood – yes, Comm. Morrette – yes, Comm. MacMillan – yes. The vote tally was 4/0 in favor of a vote on confidence.

Immediately following the vote, Chief DeLorenzo spoke to the Board saying that he "had had enough" and that he was tendering his resignation as Chief to the Board. He indicated that his letter of resignation and his vehicle would be turned in by the week end.

The Commissioners appointed First Assistant Chief Mike France to fill the position of Acting Chief until the election of officers takes place in December.

Comm. MacMillan adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry R. Hickey, Secretary