



**Fairview Fire District**  
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**Fire or Ambulance  
DIAL 911**

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**FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
April 7, 2009  
Final**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman John E. Anspach.

**ATTENDEES:** Chairman John E. Anspach      Tory Gallante, Chief  
**Commissioners:** Dave Hazzard      Cathy Gallinger, Secretary  
Jack Burghardt      James Passikoff, Treasurer  
Jill Line      Bradley Pinsky, Attorney  
Tom Ashline, Sr.

**Upon Motion made by Commissioner Ashline, Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Burghardt and discussion held the following resolution was approved. Be it resolved the minutes from the previous month March 3, 2009 have been approved.**

Poll of the Commissioners

Burghardt: Yes  
Hazzard: Yes  
Line: Yes  
Ashline Sr. Yes  
Anspach: Yes

**Resolution passed: 2009 -5 -R**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence to report this month

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**After motion made by Commissioner Burghardt and seconded by Commissioner Hazzard and after discussion held, the following resolution was approved. Be it resolved pay all bills as approved by the commissioners on each specific bill presented at this meeting, as displayed in the attached abstract for the month of March 2009. All purchases complied with the procurement policy of the fire district and all necessary bids/quotes were obtained prior to recommendation for approval.**

All of the commissioners in attendance were presented with bills and attached vouchers. Each commissioner approved the bills indicated on such vouchers. Audits of the bills were completed except as discussed in these minutes, no discrepancies or issues were noted.

### **Poll of the Commissioners**

Burghardt: Yes  
Hazzard: Yes  
Line: Yes  
Ashline Sr. Yes  
Anspach: Yes

### **Resolution passed: 2009-6-F**

Jim also reviewed the financial statement for December 31, 2008 and March 31, 2009 and reported a surplus of \$ 640,767. Jim handed out a copy of last year's budget and why we had a surplus (see attached document at the end of the minutes). The decision made by the board was to put the surplus money into an interest bearing account until budget time in October. At that time the Board will make the decision where to allocate the surplus money.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hazzard and Seconded by Commissioner Line to authorize Brad Pinsky, and Jim Passikoff to formulate a letter to the State Comptroller's office requesting them to conduct a full audit of the Fire District for the years 2006-2008**

### **Poll of the Commissioners:**

Burghardt: Yes  
Hazzard: Yes  
Line: Yes  
Ashline Sr. Yes  
Anspach: Yes

### **2009-2-L**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hazzard and Seconded by Commissioner Line to authorize Brad Pinsky our attorney to start the litigation against UHY LLPP for the 2006 audit.**

### **Poll of Commissioners**

Burghardt: Yes  
Hazzard: Yes  
Line: Yes  
Ashline Sr. Yes  
Anspach: Yes

### **2009-3-L**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report

**PROPERTY:**

Jack received an estimate from Veith electric for \$5,400 to put heat tapes in the gutter and down spouts on the north side. After a brief discussion it was decided to get someone to look at the condition of the gutters before putting the heat tape in them.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

Commissioner Burghardt and Commissioner Line reviewed the February checks - everything was ok

**RECORD RETENTION COMMITTEE:**

Nothing to report

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

Executive session

**COMPUTER COMMITTEE:**

Nothing to report

**SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Nothing to report

**APPARATUS COMMITTEE:**

Covered in the Chief's report

**TAX COMMITTEE:**

Nothing to report

**ELECTION COMMITTEE:**

We would like to start the process to allow for absentee ballots for next election. Brad said he would start the paperwork necessary to do it.

### **EMS/FIRE COMMITTEE:**

John and Jack attended the Hyde Park Joint EMS Committee meeting on March 24, 2009 and informed the committee that Fairview would not be participating in a joint venture hiring a private ambulance service to cover Fairview. The reason is Fairview is in the process of starting a Not for Profit EMS service. Fairview is willing to continue to be an active participant and assist in any way possible.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

1. New command vehicle has been delivered with no problems and is in service. All reimbursement forms have been sent to NYS.
2. The command center for 41-97(Ford Explorer) has been removed and now operating as a staff vehicle
3. Significant rusting has been found on the passenger side rear quarter panel of 41-97 and needs to be replaced. Estimates received from Action Collision in the amount of \$3,070.15 to repair
4. The old 41-97(Crown Victoria) will have the lights, siren and some graphics removed in the near future and be sold.
5. Received NYSDOH renewal operating certificate.
6. Measurements for new uniforms are completed and on order. The District signed a memo of understanding with the Union that we are past the April 1<sup>st</sup> starting date for the new uniform. Also, we will be putting a letter together indicating an understanding in the change of wording on front of ball caps.
7. Starting to schedule apparatus services and 41-45 will be going to Nichols tomorrow for ladder service
8. Ladder testing company will be here next week to test aerial and ground ladders.
9. At the request of Saint Francis Hospital, the last day FFD will be responding to helicopter landings will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2009. Letter has been sent to Saint Francis and DC911 regarding same.
10. We responded to a fire at Dutchess County Resource Recovery on March 20<sup>th</sup> and I have sent them a bill for \$1,890.00 to cover the costs of foam used to extinguish the fire
11. Received plans from the Town of Poughkeepsie Planning Department for Pendell Commons – a four building housing complex and sent a letter outlining response and tax concerns for the project.
12. Received a copy of correspondence from the law firm of Van DeWater and Van DeWater in regard to St. Francis Hospital and Columbia SFH Group v. Town of Poughkeepsie in regard to the tax status for the parking garage adjacent to the Atrium Building and Hospital. The judge has denied motions presented by both parties and the matter will proceed to trial.
13. Information needed for the proposed not for profit Ambulance Corporation has been obtained and will be given to attorney Pinsky to review.

14. Assemblyman Miller will be getting us \$4,000 in member item money to be used towards the purchase of firefighting turnout gear – waiting on paperwork from NYS
15. Have a meeting scheduled this week with the HRPC Director of Administrative Services and Chief of Safety to discuss response issues and equipment procurement.
16. Received notification from Attorneys Hodgson Russ that Dutchess Community College has withdrawn their request to determine lead agency for the student housing project and the housing complex will be moved onto existing campus property.
17. John Anspach contacted CT Male Associates in regard to applying for money to build a new firehouse under the President Obama stimulus plan. The money is slated for shovel ready projects only.
18. Problems with District telephone system.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ashline, Sr. and Seconded by Commissioner Burghardt to have the rust on the 2002 Ford Explorer repaired at Action Collision for the amount of 3,070.15.**

**Poll of Commissioners**

Burghardt: Yes  
Hazzard: Yes  
Line: Yes  
Ashline Sr. Yes  
Anspach: Yes

**2009-2-E**

**A Motion was made by Commissioner Hazzard and Seconded by Commissioner Burghardt to replace the current phone system up to a maximum spending amount of \$7,000.00**

**Poll of Commissioners**

Burghardt: Yes  
Hazzard: Yes  
Line: Yes  
Ashline Sr. Yes  
Anspach: Yes

**2009-3-E**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

I received a letter from Chairman Pat Rose of the Arlington Fire District asking to set up a meeting to discuss a potential consolidation of the Fairview Fire District and Arlington Fire District. We would like to explore the possibility and impacts on both Districts. This meeting is in the process of being scheduled.

Chairman has set up 2 new committees Not for Profit Ambulance will have Commissioner Line and Commissioner Ashline, Sr. on it and Consolidation committee with Chairman Anspach, Commissioner Hazzard and Chief Gallante.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

An amendment was drafted for Commissioner Line to submit to elected officials in an effort to change the law to allow the District to put in place a reasonable fine for false alarms.

Not for Profit – met with 3 trustees, 2 Commissioners, Chief and Union, certificates have been sent in to the Department of State to form the Corporation

**NOT FOR PROFIT AMBULANCE:**

Attorney Brad Pinsky gave the public an update.

The 3 trustees are Richard Martineau, Margaret Conners, and Cathi Tegtmeier as DeWitt Sagendorph sent in a letter having to decline.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Upon motion made by Commissioner Ashline Sr. and Seconded by Commissioner Burghardt the Monthly Board of Fire Commissioners meeting will be changed from 7:30 to 7:00 pm effective the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting to save on electricity.**

**Poll of the Commissioners**

Burghardt: Yes  
Hazzard: Yes  
Line: Yes  
Ashline Sr. Yes  
Anspach: Yes

A legal notice will be placed in the Poughkeepsie Legal Section.

2009-3-L

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:50 pm for the purpose of Personnel issues**

**Motion:** Commissioner Ashline, Sr. **Second:** Commissioner Hazzard **Poll of Commissioners:** A.I.F

Upon coming out of executive session no action was taken

\*\*note The Treasurer, Jim Passikoff reviewed the surplus to the Board and the public that were present after executive session

**There being no further action brought before the Board, motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Hazzard with a second by Commissioner Line at 9:15 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Gallinger, District Secretary

cc: Chief Tory G. Gallante  
Fairview Fire Company

Local 2623 I.A.F.F.  
District File

Fairview Fire District  
 Explanation of Excess of Revenue over Expenses  
 For the year ending December 31, 2008

Excess Calculated into 2008 Budget

2007 Pension Catch Up 160,000

Saved by Chief & Secretary Controlling Costs

No Firefighter retirement	50,000	
Controlling Overtime	156,700	
Lawyer not used	13,600	
Major Building Repairs not used	27,700	
Major Apparatus Repairs not used	15,000	
Rescue Squad Supplies not used	4,600	
Liability Insurance Saved	20,800	
Workers Compensation Saved	38,500	
Medical Insurance Saved	97,600	
Social Security Saved	20,000	
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Total Saved by Controlling Costs		444,500

Other Major Savings

2008 Pension under budget	6,400	
Additional Miscellaneous Revenue	33,000	
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Total Other Major Savings		39,400
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Total Selective Savings		643,900

Other over & Under Budget		-3,133
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