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**FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
August 5, 2008  
Final**

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

**ATTENDEES:**

**Commissioners:** Chairman John E. Anspach                      Tory Gallante, Chief  
Richard Martineau    Cathy Gallinger, Secretary  
Jack Burghardt     James Passikoff, Treasurer  
Dave Hazzard     William Spampinato, Attorney  
Tom Ashline, Sr.

**Motion to approve minutes of 8/5/08 Board meeting:**

**Motion:** Commissioner Martineau    **Second:** Commissioner Hazzard.    **Poll of Commissioners:** A.I.F.

**CORRESPONDENCE: Cathy Gallinger**

Thank you from the Children's Home for a Safety Presentation about bike safety  
Thank you from Jean Rock for flower arrangements  
Children's home thank you for the ongoing support and a donation  
Thank you from Dana Smith EMS Coordinator for attending the EMS Leadership meeting in June  
Thank you letter from County Executive Steinhaus for assisting in the DC Loop bus garage fire  
Thank you letter from Dutchess County Dept. of Emergency Response for the donation of four air storage cylinders for the breathing air system at the training center.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Passikoff**

**Motion to accept the June and July payment of all bills submitted for the month of June and July 2008:**

**Motion:** Commissioner Martineau    **Second:** Commissioner Hazzard    **Poll of Commissioners:** A.I.F.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mike Cifone followed up on adding a fee to the fireworks permit to reimburse the district for providing coverage for firework events. The Town can add a set fee to the permit but could not change the fee per event.

**RECORD RETENTION COMMITTEE:**

Nothing to report

**PROPERTY:**

Nothing to report

**PERSONNEL:**

Nothing to report

**COMPUTER COMMITTEE:**

The network printer that connects to the 911 center had to be replaced

**APPARATUS COMMITTEE:**

Nothing to report

**AUDIT COMMITTEE: nothing to report**

Commissioner Burghardt and Commissioner Ashline Sr. reviewed the May and June Checks and found no problems

**LIAISON TO UNION: Dave Hazzard**

Nothing to report

**SAFETY COMMITTEE: Ashilne**

A meeting is to be scheduled for next quarter

**Chairman's report –**

John read the letter that was sent to DiNapoli's office and his response I have attached it to the minutes for the file

Letter was read from Mr. Wozniak – county attorney to Mike Cifone –Councilman 4<sup>th</sup> ward answering tax questions about tax exempt properties.

In Sept. John would like to have the company that purchased the Hudson River property come and do a presentation at the board meeting.

John asked for Mike Cifone to assist with finding out how to hire a company like CT Male through the town for a complete review of all site plans and architectural drawings. These plans will be reviewed with the fire district personnel for any concerns and to follow up corrections with the town planning board. The company that is hired will also have to do a study for the fire district to address manpower and equipment concerns to cover this project

**CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Gallante**

1. New generator and electrical service are up and running. The old generator is scheduled to be removed sometime this week and there are a few minor items on the punch list for Pantel. The job should be completed within the next two weeks.
2. In the process of getting estimates for a service contract on the new generator.

3. In the process of getting a painting estimates for the dugout area of the basement and area near the electrical panels.
4. The bottles from the old cascade system have been removed and donated to the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response.
5. Pump testing on 41-11, 41-12 and 41-45 was completed yesterday and all apparatus passed.
6. 41-11 was involved in a minor motor vehicle collision with another vehicle on July 31<sup>st</sup> at the intersection of Webster Ave. & Garden St. Extension and our insurance company has been notified. Minor damage to the pump panel LDH hose troth and was repaired in house. There was also minor damage to the front bumper of the other vehicle involved and I will be working on claim with insurance company – no injuries.
7. There were also three minor driving mishaps with 41-71, 11 & 12 and repairs will be taken care of in house. Items will also be addressed with officers.
8. Cathy met with our benefits broker, Palmiter Benefits Group, and updated information should be available for us in October.
9. The network card for the printer hooked up to the 911 CAD “bit the dust” and a new printer is on order.
10. Met with Jason Barlow, VP of Support Services for SFHHC to discuss tax and operational issues facing both organizations. Jason will be taking information back to CEO Bob Savage and get back to me in near future.
11. Virgina Buechele of Fairness for Fairview, Bill Rubin, FF O’Connor, FF Meyerson and I met with DC Real Property to discuss the percentage of tax exempt properties in the Fairview Fire District. Based on current assessment rolls we are at approximately 47% tax exempt properties and were calculated using current assessment values.
12. Councilman Cifone arranged a meeting with Town of Poughkeepsie Assessor Kathleen Taber to discuss some assessment questions. Mike Cifone, Kurt Hornick, Tim O’Connor, Mark Meyerson and I were in attendance. It was determined at the meeting that tax exempt properties have not been assessed properly and Councilman Cifone is looking into the situation.
13. Like to start getting estimates to seal and re-stripe the parking lot
14. Per the personnel committee I posted a memo asking for letters of interest for the positions of quartermaster and SCBA air meter coordinator.
15. Per the personnel committee I requested the promotion list for fire captain from the D.C. Personnel Department and have it in my possession.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Ashline made a motion to stop attending helicopter landings at St. Francis Hospital  
There was no second to the motion

Commissioner Ashline asked how much is it costing to have Cathy be the secretary for the EMS Committee as that will be costing the district more tax payer money and how much are the other districts contributing? The answer from Commissioner Anspach was that the other districts are not paying to have Cathy be the secretary to this committee. Commissioner Anspach reviewed this with the board at the June meeting and none of the Commissioners had problems with her doing this.

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Ashline for no increases to the size of the department, no promotions and no large equipment purchases

**Second:** Commissioner Martineau

**Poll of Commissioners:** Martineau – Yes  
Hazzard – No  
Ashline – Yes  
Burghardt – No  
Anspach – No

Commissioner Ashline asked if we can deny service to the Empire State games – Our attorney Mr. Spampinato is to report back if we can deny service to Empire State games.

Chairman Anspach stated that the last time the Empire State games were held at Marist College we were given a donation to cover manpower and equipment.

Commissioner Ashline questioned the Chief on why the old cascade system was donated to the County. Chief Gallante's response - We have conflicting paperwork that shows we both own & lease the bottles. We were unable to find a buyer and the best option was to donate the bottles to DC911.

Commissioner Ashline questioned the Chief on what was happening to the old generator. The Chiefs response to him - The generator is part of Pantel's contract to pay us salvage value & remove the generator.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Nothing to report

**EMS Committee:**

**Fire Committee:** Commissioner Ashline Sr. and Commissioner Burghardt have been appointed to the committee. Waiting for the meeting to be scheduled

**Executive Session:**

**Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:25 pm**

**Motion:** Commissioner Martineau **Second:** Commissioner Hazzard **Poll of Commissioners:** A.I.F

**Motion to enter back into regular session at 10:10 pm:**

**Motion** Commissioner Hazzard **Second:** Commissioner Burghardt. **Poll of Commissioners:** A.I.F.

Action as a result of Execution:

The Chief is to wait to order the vehicle until Senator Saland states what cuts Gov. Patterson has made. If the vehicle has not been cut then go ahead and order the vehicle. There is no referendum needed if the funds are coming out of the general operating budget. The Chief polled the Board and all members were in agreement and authorized the Chief to purchase the vehicle if not cut by Gov. Patterson at time of ordering.

**There being no further action brought before the Board, motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Burghardt with a second by Commissioner Hazzard at 10:15 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Gallinger, Secretary

cc: Chief Tory G. Gallante (review & final)  
John Anspach (review & final)  
Jack Burghardt (review & final)  
Dave Hazzard (review & final)  
Richard Martineau (review & final)  
Thomas J. Ashline, Sr. (review & final)

Fairview Fire Company (final)  
District File (review & final)  
Jim Passikoff (review & final)  
William J. Spampinato (final)  
Local 2623 - I.A.F.F. (final)