



Fairview Fire District

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**FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
December 7, 2010
Final**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Chair Jill Line.

ATTENDEES:

Commissioners:

Jill Line
Jack Burghardt
Bob Gephard
Joe Petito

Tory Gallante, Chief
Cathy Gallinger, Secretary
James Passikoff, Treasurer

Absent: Dave Hazzard and Brad Pinsky, Attorney,

Motion was made by Commissioner Gephard and seconded by Commissioner Petito to go into Executive Session at 6:08 pm for the purpose of Legal and Personnel issues.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Burghardt and seconded by Commissioner Petito and discussion held the following resolution was approved. Be it resolved the minutes from the previous month November 2010 have been approved.

Poll of the Commissioners:

Burghardt: Yes
Hazzard: Absent
Line: Yes
Petito: Yes
Gephard: Yes

Resolution passed: 2010-13-R

CORRESPONDENCE:

Fire Company – a letter with the listing of the Fire Company officers, a letter with who still has equipment, and new members to the Fire Company.

Local 2623 – two letters were received by the Board.

Rose & Kiernan – a letter informing the District of the dividends from the 2009-2010 policy term.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

After motion made by Commissioner Line and seconded by Commissioner Burghardt 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 November 2010. 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: Absent
Line: Yes
Petito Yes
Gephard: Yes

Resolution passed: 2010-20-F

A motion was made by Commissioner Line and seconded by Commissioner Burghardt to accept the Treasures report for the month of November 2010.

Poll of Commissioners: A.I.F.

Resolution passed: 2010-21-F

A motion was made by Commissioner Gephard and seconded by Commissioner Burghardt to pay the NYS Police and Fire Retirement bill for the fiscal year 2011 prior to the due date to save on interest.

Poll of Commissioners:

Burghardt: Yes
Hazzard: Absent
Line: Yes
Petito Yes
Gephard: Yes

Resolution passed: 2010-19-F

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

PROPERTY:

Nothing to report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Burghardt and Commissioner Gephard reviewed the October checks - everything was ok.

RECORD RETENTION COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Upon motion made by Commissioner Burghardt and seconded by Commissioner Gephard, Commissioner Line, on behalf of the District, is authorized to execute the Stipulation of Settlement Agreement for Lt. Wawrzonek as approved by the Attorney for the District in this matter.

Poll of Commissioners:

Burghardt: Yes
Hazzard: Absent
Petito: Yes
Gephard: Yes
Line: Yes

COMPUTER COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

APPARATUS COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

TAX COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

ELECTION COMMITTEE:

Everything is in order.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. We had our Local Government Efficiency Grant "Kickoff" meeting with PACE University on December 3rd 2010. In attendance were Commissioners Burghardt and Gephard, Treasurer Passikoff, Secretary Gallinger, Union President Ridley and Vice-President Bendel. They will be scheduling various future meetings and contacting various department personnel for information. In addition, I have supplied them with a large number of documents and other information they requested. Attorney Pinsky has been given a copy of their work contract for review and should return it to me next week with revisions.
2. Santa Run will be Saturday, December 18th
3. Would like to apply for another Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Cost of grant writer is \$1,750.00
4. Received \$500.00 check for trade in of old ambulance stretcher.
5. Received check in the amount of \$1,836.54 from Utica National Insurance Group – 10.5% dividend from our insurance policy.
6. Received donation check in the amount of \$ 5,000 from the Dutchess Community College Association.
7. Sold old Holmatro Extrication equipment that was declared surplus to the Tivoli Fire Department for \$6,500.00

8. Would like to purchase new Thermal Imaging Camera through state bid contract for \$13,567.84. The camera it will be replacing is 10-11 years old and gets a lot of use. The camera is also on our capital plan for replacement in 2011.
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A motion was made by Commissioner Gephard and seconded by Commissioner Line to purchase at State bid price a thermal imaging camera in the amount of \$13,567.84.

Poll of Commissioners:

Burghardt: Yes
Hazzard: Absent
Petito: Yes
Gephard: Yes
Line: Yes

Resolution: 2010-2-10

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Commissioner Petito and I attended a seminar on By Laws & Standard operating Guidelines on November 19th. We brought back and distributed information for the other Board members and Chief.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Nothing to report.

NOT FOR PROFIT AMBULANCE:

On behalf of the District's Attorney, Brad Pinsky, who was absent from the Board meeting, Commissioner Line read the Attorney's response to the Union's written request.

The Union has asked that we read a letter from its Attorney in public. We decline to do so. The Union's attorney was specifically instructed to forward all correspondence through the District's attorney. Instead of honoring these instructions as she is required by the Attorney's Code of Ethics, she sent a letter to her client. We do not know whether or not she instructed her client to forward the letter to us, but we will not condone circumventing the attorney this way. All correspondence in this matter must go through the district's attorney. That being said, our attorney has reviewed all correspondence from the attorney on behalf of the Union. He has advised us that he believes that the Union and its attorney are simply attempting to act in good faith by raising concerns to protect themselves and in some respects, the District. The Union would like to see requests made for opinion letters from various government agencies, and our attorney advises us that he is working with government agencies to obtain some opinions. We will release each of those opinions as we receive them.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gephard and seconded by Commissioner Burghardt to offer Chief Gallante a buyout of a portion of his sick leave per his contract article 5 A.

Poll of Commissioners:

Burghardt: Yes
Hazzard: Absent
Petito: Yes
Gephard: Yes
Line: Yes

Resolution: 2010-2-P

Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners is offering Chief Gallante to buy back a maximum of 450 sick leave hours at the Chief's 2010 base salary rate per Contract Article 5A. The execution and acceptance will be by the signing of a M.O.U. by the Chief and the Board Chair specifying the hours and amount to be paid.

WORKSHOP OR SPECIAL MEETING:

None at this time.

There being no further action brought before the Board, motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Gephard with a second by Commissioner Petito at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Gallinger, District Secretary

cc: Chief Tory G. Gallante
Fairview Fire Company

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