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**FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**February 3, 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:** Jill Line      Cathy Gallinger, Secretary  
Jack Burghardt  
Tom Ashline, Sr.

**Absent:** Commissioner Hazzard, Treasurer Jim Passikoff, and Attorney Brad Pinsky

**Upon Motion made by Commissioner Ashline Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Line and discussion held the following resolution was approved. Be it resolved the Regular Minutes, Special meeting minutes and the reorganizational minutes from the previous month January 6, 2009 have been approved.**

Poll of the Commissioners  
Commissioner Burghardt:    Yes  
Commissioner Line:        Yes  
Commissioner Ashline Sr.    Yes  
Commissioner Hazzard:     Absent  
Chairman Anspach:         Yes

**Resolution passed: 2009 -2-R**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

January 7, 2009 a letter was received from the Fairview Fire Company Secretary Barbara Turner-Jones letting the Chief and Commissioners know who the newly elected officers for 2009 are.

January 11, 2009 a letter was received from the Fairview Fire Company Secretary Barbara Turner-Jones stating that the Fire Company has voted to give Honorary Membership to the following Commissioners for 2009 Dave Hazzard, Jill Line and Thomas Ashline Sr.

February 3, 2009 – Ted Luty Jr. a member of Citizens for Equitable Fire Districts of Dutchess County read a letter to the Board and it is attached at the end of the minutes.

## **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 January 2009.**

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  
Commissioner Burghardt: Yes  
Commissioner Line: Yes  
Commissioner Ashline Sr. Yes  
Commissioner Hazzard: Absent  
Chairman Anspach: Yes

**Resolution passed: 2009 -2-F**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report this month

## **PROPERTY**

Chief Gallante, Cathy, Chairman Anspach and Commissioner Burghardt met with Rose and Kiernan to review our insurance renewal for 2009-2010.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Burghardt and seconded by Commissioner Ashline Sr. to sign the renewal agreement with Rose & Kiernan for the 2009-2010 year.**

Poll of Commissioners  
Commissioner Burghardt: Yes  
Commissioner Line: Yes  
Commissioner Ashline Sr. Yes  
Commissioner Hazzard: Absent  
Chairman Anspach: Yes

**Resolution passed: 2009-4-F**

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

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

## **RECORD RETENTION COMMITTEE:**

The micro film cabinets have been moved into the officer's room

## **PERSONNEL:**

The personnel committee met with the union to review the possibility of starting a non for profit ambulance district. The union is in support of the concept at this time further negotiations will take place as we progress in setting up the ambulance district

## **COMPUTER COMMITTEE:**

Nothing to report this month

**SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Nothing to report this month

**APPARATUS COMMITTEE:**

Nothing to report this month

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

1. Property/Vehicle Insurance Renewal – expires in March
2. 41-72 heat problem should be finally fixed – some of the work is covered under warranty
3. Working on NYSDOH Operating Certificate Renewal
4. Declaring 3 old Physio Control Lifepak 500 defibrillators surplus – \$400.00 trade in each towards purchase of new defibrillator.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT –**

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Nothing to report this month

**EMS/FIRE COMMITTEE:**

DeWitt Sagendorph was present at the meeting to answer any questions the board might have regarding the EMS Committee. John discussed looking into other possibilities with the ambulance district.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Line and seconded by Commissioner Burghardt to have Attorney, Brad Pinsky look at the feasibility of a non for profit Ambulance District.**

A Poll of Commissioners:  
Commissioner Burghardt: Yes  
Commissioner Line: Yes  
Commissioner Ashline Sr.: Yes  
Commissioner Hazzard: Absent  
Chairman Anspach: Yes

**Resolution 2009-3-R**

**TAX COMMITTEE:**

**ELECTION COMMITTEE:**

We are currently doing some research

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ashline, Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Burghardt to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of \$250,000 tax anticipation notes of the Fairview Fire District, Dutchess County NY to pay pensions, salaries and expenses until the collection of real estate taxes and/or taxable real property becomes due and payable.**

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by Commissioner Ashline, Sr. and Seconded by Commissioner Burghardt and duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Commissioner Burghardt:	Yes
Commissioner Line:	Yes
Commissioner Ashline, Sr:	Yes
Commissioner Hazzard:	Absent
Chairman Anspach:	Yes

**Resolution: 2009-3-F**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:10 pm for Personnel issues**

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

**Motion to enter back into regular session at 8:50 pm:**

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

Action as a result of Executive session:

No action was taken

**There being no further action brought before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ashline with a second by Commissioner Line and poll of commissioners: A.I.F. at 8:55 pm.**

**The motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting ended at 8:55pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Gallinger, Secretary

cc: Chief Tory G. Gallante  
Commissioners  
District File  
Jim Passikoff

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February 3, 2009

Dear Board of Commissioners, Fairview Fire District:

I am one of the members of Citizens for Equitable Fire Districts of Dutchess County. I would like to read the following short note into your minutes and present a copy of our Statement of Introduction.

We have the utmost respect for Mr. Anspach, the board of commissioners, the fire chief and the firemen. **As Fairview Fire District Taxpayers, we have endured this unfair tax burden too long!** This crisis has been escalating for over twenty-five years. The FFD board, by law # 172, could have altered the district boundaries and dealt with the "not for profits" all along, but chose not to do so.

Throughout the country, many people have become concerned over current economic conditions; in the Fairview Fire District this feeling is further magnified. ~~The Fairview Fire District Board,~~ Our state, county and town politicians have continued to ignore the problem. Our County Executive fails to acknowledge our crisis or meet with any other elected officials to discuss the issues. Our State Senator Steve Saland has secured millions of dollars in funds to aid many facilities including the "Walkway Over the Hudson," Marist College and others, but he has done very little to aid the Fairview Fire District. The Town of Poughkeepsie announced Thursday, 1/22/09, that it would buy Bright Horizons at Casperkill for \$4 million dollars. It is valued on the tax roles for \$8 million and would remove \$120,000 in land taxes. Yet, the Town does nothing to cure the Fairview Fire District fiasco. All our elected officials pretend they are unaware of our issues. It is truly a shame that through our petition, we must end the Fairview Fire District to get our message heard. If we give back the fire district, or "tear it down," we let everyone know, it is part their problem too! Only through this pressure can we get someone's attention. Please help our citizens find a solution!

Sincerely,

Citizens for Equitable Fire Districts of Dutchess County