



Fairview Fire District

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**FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
June 7, 2011
Final**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chair Jill Line.

ATTENDEES: Jill Line
Commissioners: Joe Petito
Jack Burghardt
Bob Gephard
Christopher Maeder, Chief
Cathy Gallinger, Secretary
James Passikoff, Treasurer
Brad Pinsky, Attorney

Motion was made by Commissioner Gephard and seconded by Commissioner Petito to go into Executive Session at 6:03pm for personnel issues.

No action was taken as a result of executive session and open session started at 7:20pm.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Gephard and seconded by Commissioner Burghardt and discussion held the following resolution was approved. Be it resolved the minutes from the previous month May 3 and May 26 meetings have been approved.

Poll of the Commissioners: A.I.F.

Resolution passed: 2011-7-R

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dorothy Wright sent a note thanking Rob Ridley and his team for EMS service at Marist on May 6, 2011.

Kenneth Kearney sent a \$50,000 check to help offset the impact of the Pendell Commons project.

Vincent Lopez sent a letter to be considered for the vacant Board of Fire Commissioners position.

Peter Spielvogel sent a letter to be considered for the vacant Board of Fire Commissioners position.

M*Power asked to have a one time car wash to raise funds for their organization that helps children. The Board agreed to allow M*Power to have a one time car wash and provide a certificate of insurance.

Interviews for the vacant commissioner position will take place on July 5, 2011 between 6:00 and 6:30pm

TREASURER'S REPORT:

After motion made by Commissioner Burghardt and seconded by Commissioner Petito 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 May. 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: A.I.F.

Resolution passed: 2011- 12 -F

Jim made a change to the balance sheet to show the available funds and what funds are not available to make it easier to read.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burghardt and seconded by Commissioner Gephard to accept the Treasurer's report for the month of May.

Poll of Commissioners: A.I.F.

Resolution passed: 2011- 13 -F

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

PROPERTY:

Nothing to report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

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

RECORD RETENTION COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Tim Gilnack, President of the Local IAFF 2623 addressed the board saying that they have come up with a proposal to save the District money over a two year period with hiring two Firefighters. Over two years time they will save the District \$80,000 and if three Firefighters are hired the savings would be \$120,000 over two years.

The Board of Fire Commissioners and the IAFF 2623 signed a Memorandum of Agreement

RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the District has regularly provided for a certain number of paid firefighter positions;

WHEREAS, one or more of those positions are now vacant;

NOW THEREFORE, the District is hereby authorized to hire one or more new full time firefighters as a replacement for a vacant position(s). The firefighter shall be hired under the terms and conditions as the District shall determine to be in the best interest of the District and as is in accord with the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The firefighter may be hired either as a **resignation/reinstatement** transfer from another fire department or as a recruit who shall be required to complete the State Firefighter program, subject to the District's desires after review of potential transfer candidates. Should the District require the issuance of a civil service exam in order to obtain qualified candidates, the District is hereby authorized to begin the process of requesting, holding and selecting from such an exam. Chief Maeder has authority to reserve two spots at the Montour Falls Fire Academy.

A motion to accept the resolution to hire two (2) firefighters was made by Commissioner Burghardt and seconded by Commissioner Line.

Poll of Commissioners:

Commissioner Gephard: Yes

Commissioner Petito: Yes

Commissioner Burghardt: Yes

Commissioner Line: Yes

Resolution passed: 2011- 8 - P

COMPUTER COMMITTEE:

Monthly Maintenance continues. Wireless routers needed to be replaced and was completed.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

APPARATUS COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Bob re-outlined his meeting of May 26th and thanked Mark Bendel, Justin Bohlmann and Tim Gilnack for participating with the public meeting. The committee restated that when the 2011 grants open this year they will be submitting for the SAFER grant.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Work continues.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Copy of the revised mission and values statement for adoption
- Florescent lights throughout the building have been replaced via a grant at no cost to the Fairview Fire District. Should produce a savings for us in electric costs.
- The consolidation study is well in progress. Surveys have been sent out and there have been a number of responses from the department personnel. I have received an e-mail from the professor at Pace and a draft memo will be here next week.
- The FCC License has been renewed and is narrow band compliant.
- Trees have been planted throughout the property at no cost to the District. Thank you to Adam's for the donation of the trees and to BSA Troop 17 for planting them.
- We received a check from Ken Kearney, the developer of Pendell Commons for the sum of \$50,000 as agreed when he initially started the planning process. Thank you Mr. Kearney.
- I met Russ Craven from ISO regarding our recent assessment. He will be looking at our score and adjusting it based on some information that I was able to give him. Keith Ballard from Town of Poughkeepsie Water Department attended as well and was a significant resource.
- The FEMA Storm Reimbursement grant was completed and signed on Thursday. We should expect to see around \$3000 back in the future.
- Ladder testing was to be completed by American Test Centers this past week. They have not scheduled us and have now placed us on the back burner until sometime in July. Lt. Wilcha has looked into an alternative testing company which is cheaper and can do so sooner. I will be looking into this option.
- 41-71 has a problem with the driver's door skin coming loose from the door. Action Collision will be fixing this under warranty work. This unit was dropped off today and should be back by the end of the week.
- 41-12 has been sent to Nichol's Fire Equipment for its annual service and to fix a number of other issues. It should be back today or tomorrow.

A motion was made by Commissioner Line and Seconded by Commissioner Gephard to adopt the Missions and Values Statement for the Fairview Fire District.

Poll of Commissioners:

Commissioner Gephard: Yes
Commissioner Petito: Yes
Commissioner Burghardt: Yes
Commissioner Line: Yes

Resolution passed: 2011- 6 – P

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Jack and I attended a seminar May 23, 2011 in Millbrook "Not everyone comes home". It was very informational & everyone, including the Board should attend at least one of these seminars.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Standard Operating Guidelines and the Fire Districts rules and regulations are currently being reviewed, revised and amended.

Be it resolved that Article II of the Rules and Regulations of the Fire District, Section A (Chief of Department), Article 1 (Requirements), sub-part d is hereby amended to read as follows:

"d. The Chief must be a resident of the Fairview Fire District or reside within five miles from the district boundary lines."

A motion was made by Commissioner Gephard and seconded by Commissioner Line to accept the amended Fire District Rules and Regulations

Poll of Commissioners:

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| Commissioner Gephard: | Yes |
| Commissioner Petito: | Yes |
| Commissioner Burghardt: | Yes |
| Commissioner Line: | Yes |

Resolution passed: 2011- 7 - P

NOT FOR PROFIT AMBULANCE:

The District will not be continuing to go forward with the Not for Profit Ambulance service until the laws change to allow billing for ambulance service.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Petito and Seconded by Commissioner Gephard to have the documents that have already been distributed at the May 26th 2011 meeting be placed on the District Website.

Poll of Commissioners:

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| Commissioner Gephard: | Yes |
| Commissioner Petito: | Yes |
| Commissioner Burghardt: | Yes |
| Commissioner Line: | Yes |

Resolution passed: 2011- 14 – R

There being no further action brought before the Board, motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Petito with a second by Commissioner Burghardt at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Gallinger, District Secretary

cc: Chief Christopher Maeder
Fairview Fire Company

Local 2623 I.A.F.F.
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