



Fairview Fire District

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**FAIRVIEW FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
September 1, 2009
Final**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman John Anspach.

ATTENDEES: John Anspach
Commissioners: Jack Burghardt
Jill Line
Tom Ashline, Sr.

Tory Gallante, Chief
Cathy Gallinger, Secretary
James Passikoff, Treasurer
Bradley Pinsky, Attorney

Absent: Dave Hazzard

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Burghardt and seconded by Commissioner Line and discussion held the following resolution was approved. Be it resolved the minutes from the previous month August 4, 2009 have been approved with one amended change from Commissioner Ashline on resolution 2009-9-R he changed his vote from No to Yes.

Poll of the Commissioners

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

Resolution passed: 2009- 9-R

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The bids will not be opened tonight as we are going to rebid the audit.

After motion made by Commissioner Burghardt and seconded by Commissioner Ashline, Sr. 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 August 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: absent
Line: Yes
Ashline Sr. Yes
Anspach: Yes

Resolution passed: 2009-10-F

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PROPERTY:

Nothing to report

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

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

RECORD RETENTION COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Chairman Anspach, Commissioner Hazzard and Chief Gallante had a meeting with the union and will report in executive session.

COMPUTER COMMITTEE:

We received 2 proposals to review and we have additional companies to meet with.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report

APPARATUS COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report

TAX COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report

ELECTION COMMITTEE:

Extended hours remain on hold for no increase in pay allowed by law. The decision to pay for the Voter books will be made at next months Board meeting. We will post on the District web site a reminder for the public that has not voted in past years to come in to fill out a registration card in advance to save time the night of the Commissioner election.

EMS/FIRE COMMITTEE:

M.O.U.'s have been signed and R.F.P.'s have been formalized by Roosevelt, Staatsburg, and Hyde Park and will be sent out soon. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14th.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. 41-12 pump was leaking and pump packing had to be replaced. Pump shaft and fork also replaced due to air leaks
2. All pump testing is complete with all apparatus passing.
3. 41-72 broke down on a call and had to be towed back to FFD and then later towed to Miracle Ford. Hyson's Towing handled both jobs free of charge and I will be getting them gift cards as thanks.
4. I have received recommendations from the committee working on rescue tools & equipment for the 2008 AFG Grant and will be working with Brad on bid announcement and bid package. Some items we may be able to purchase off state contract.
5. Pendell Commons – Attended the 8/20 Town of Poughkeepsie Planning Board meeting with other members of the community and expressed the concerns of the department. I also made it clear that the District is not, have not, and will not be negotiating a PILOT agreement. It was nice to see a good number of people from the community at the meeting. I hope it shed light on some of the issues FFD has been dealing with (in regard to the planning board) over the years.
6. The Town of Poughkeepsie Building and Legal Departments are continuing to address violations and safety concerns at Fairview Business Park and have been keeping me advised of legal proceedings.
7. FF Elderkin and I are addressing access concerns about the St. James Church parking lot on Violet Avenue and met with engineers last week.
8. I have been asked to be part of a committee formed by Assemblyman Miller to look at issues facing the fire service in Dutchess County and attended the first meeting at his office last evening. Deputy Chief Pell's from AFD, Deputy Chief Ward from LFD and personnel from some other departments and agencies were also present. While he does not feel it is fully a State issue, he is committed to helping the fire service & taxpayers – especially the Fairview Fire District. The usual items were discussed – billing for ambulance service, the impact of tax exempt properties, shortage of volunteers, etc. Another meeting will be scheduled after research is completed by his staff.
9. Chairman Anspach, Commissioner Line and I met with grant writer Susan Brown to review the 2009-2010 NYS Local Government Efficiency Grant Program. Susan and I have also made calls to other departments that have received grants in the past and are gathering information on consultants used in their studies. Minutes from the August 10, 2009, AFD Board of Fire Commissioners indicated that they are reluctant to participate in any type of study if they are going to be subject to any out of pocket expenses. It is my recommendation to the Board that FFD absorb the total costs of the grant writer (not to exceed \$ 3,000) and, if awarded, the grant match (not to exceed \$50,000). A draft resolution is prepared if the Board desires to act on it.
10. August response reports will be completed later in the week. Lt. Marshall has been off duty and will return this week.

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview Fire District is in support of applying for a 2009-2010 Local government Efficiency grant from the New York State Department of State to retain a consultant to conduct a feasibility study and financial analysis of a potential merger or consolidation of Fairview Fire District with one or more adjacent fire district; and

WHEREAS, the Board will commit a local share of 10 percent of the project cost, up to \$5,000, as the required cash match;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fairview

Fire District does hereby authorize Tory G. Gallante, as Chief of the Fairview Fire District, to submit an application to the 2009-2010 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program seeking an amount not to exceed \$50,000, and upon approval of said request to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the grant program, and to commit up to \$5,000 as the required cash match.

Motion Commissioner Line Seconded: Commissioner Burghardt

Poll of Commissioners:

Hazzard: Absent

Burghardt: Yes

Line: Yes

Ashline, Sr. Yes

Anspach: Yes

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Personnel issues for executive session.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

The union has submitted a letter with questions they would like to be answered by the Comptroller or the Attorney General so with that being said it could take anywhere from six months to two years before we can move forward depending on how long it takes to get a reply.

NOT FOR PROFIT AMBULANCE:

Reported above

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

WORKSHOP OR SPECIAL MEETING:

September 21st at 2pm there will be a special meeting to adopt the proposed budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Commissioner Ashline, Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Burghardt to go into Executive Session at 8:15 pm for the purpose of Personnel and Legal issues.

Poll of the Commissioners

Burghardt: Yes

Hazzard: Absent

Line: Yes

Ashline Sr. Yes

Anspach: Yes

There being no further action brought before the Board, motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Ashline, Sr. with a second by Commissioner Burghardt at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Gallinger, District Secretary

cc: Chief Tory G. Gallante
Fairview Fire Company

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