

**COLDENHAM FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2017 MINUTES**

The reorganization meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Coldenham Fire District was held January 9, 2017, at the Coldenham Fire House. Commissioners present were: Joe Keenan, Anita Grecco, Warren Decker, Wayne Jacobowitz and Rickey Cameron. Also present were: Linda Miller, Fire District Treasurer and Mary Keenan, Fire District Secretary. Linda Miller opened the meeting and led the salute to our flag. She welcomed the board and congratulated Commissioner Joe Keenan on his re-election.

Newly re-elected commissioner Joe Keenan had the Oath of Office administered by Secretary Keenan and submitted to the Montgomery Town Hall.

A motion to appoint Mary E. Keenan as Secretary at a salary as fixed in the 2017 Budget was made by Commissioner Grecco and seconded by Commissioner Cameron. (3 ayes, 0 nays 1 abstain) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried. Oath of office notarized and submitted to the Montgomery Town Hall.

A motion to appoint Linda Miller as Treasurer at a salary as fixed in the 2017 Budget was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Grecco. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried. Oath of office signed and administered at the Montgomery Town Hall by the Town Clerk.

A motion to appoint Glenn Keenan as custodian at a salary as fixed in the 2017 Budget was made by Commissioner Cameron and seconded by Commissioner Decker. (3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

Linda Miller asked for nominations for Chairperson of Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Grecco nominated Commissioner Keenan as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for 2017. No other nominations were brought to the floor. A motion was made by Commissioner Grecco and seconded by Commissioner Decker that Commissioner Keenan be Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for 2017. Secretary polled the board: Commissioner Decker – yes, Commissioner Cameron – yes, Commissioner Grecco – yes and Commissioner Keenan – abstain (3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstain) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

Linda Miller turned the meeting over to Chairman Joe Keenan.

Commissioner Keenan asked for nominations for Co-Chair of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Decker nominated Commissioner Grecco as Co-

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Chair of the Board of Fire Commissioners for 2017. No other nominations were brought to the floor. A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Cameron that Commissioner Grecco be Co-Chair of the Board of Fire Commissioners for 2017. Secretary polled the board: Commissioner Decker – yes, Commissioner Cameron – yes, Commissioner Grecco – abstain and Commissioner Keenan – yes (3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

A motion by Commissioner Decker was made and seconded by Commissioner Cameron that the monthly meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners shall be held on the first Monday following the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. (Notice will be sent to the Wallkill Valley Times.) Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried. The meeting dates are as follows: February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 7, September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11, 2017.

A motion by Commissioner Grecco was made and seconded by Commissioner Cameron that the Wallkill Valley Times be designated as official newspaper for legal notices for the Coldenham Fire District. When bids are required, notice will be placed in the Times Herald Record. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

A motion by Commissioner Grecco was made and seconded by Commissioner Decker that the Coldenham Fire District will provide coverage to any commissioner who is sued because of a decision made as a commissioner (Article XVII of State Law). Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

A motion by Commissioner Grecco was made and seconded by Commissioner Cameron that the Treasurer must produce all books, records, receipts, orders, vouchers and canceled checks for the year 2016 along with her Annual Report to be submitted to the Fire District Auditor by the regular monthly meeting for the month of March 2017. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

A motion by Commissioner Decker was made and seconded by Commissioner Cameron to designate Orange Bank and Trust and J.P. Morgan Chase as depositories for District funds, deposits in each bank not to exceed \$250,000.00 unless covered by bank security insurance. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

A motion by Commissioner Cameron was made and seconded by

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Commissioner Grecco that all checks for the District for payment of bills and obligations must be signed by the Treasurer. In addition, checks more than \$10,000 will require two signatures. Treasurer Linda Miller, Chairman Keenan and Secretary Keenan will be authorized to sign checks. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

A motion by Commissioner Grecco was made and seconded by Commissioner Decker to continue the Orange Bank and Trust Company General Fund Checking Account, the Orange Bank and Trust Company General Fund Savings Account, the Orange Bank and Trust Company Money Market Demand Account, the Orange Bank and Trust Company Trust and Agency Checking Account, and the J.P. Morgan Chase General Fund Savings Account. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

A motion by Commissioner Grecco was made and seconded by Commissioner Cameron that the Treasurer be authorized to continue Capital Reserve Fund accounts as they now exist (the Orange Bank and Trust Company Reserve for Fire Fighting Equipment Purchase, the Orange Bank and Trust Company Reserve for Real Property and Acquisition and the Orange Bank and Trust Company Reserve Repair Fund) and to open any necessary new accounts in accordance with the law. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

A motion by Commissioner Decker was made and seconded by Commissioner Grecco that the Coldenham Fire District continues their membership in the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York and in the Association of Fire Districts of Orange County. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

Chairman appoints committees:

Auditing	Commissioners Keenan and Jacobowitz
Building	Commissioners Decker and Jacobowitz
Truck Committee	Commissioners Keenan and Jacobowitz
EAP Coordinator	Commissioner Keenan
Medical Advisor	**Dr. Basri
Budget Planning	All board members
Land/Outback	Commissioners Decker and Jacobowitz
Service Awards	Commissioners Keenan and Cameron
Hall Usage	Commissioner Grecco
Records Access Officer	Secretary Keenan

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A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Cameron to continue the preparation of an agenda for each meeting in 2017. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cameron and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to continue the Procurement Policy previously adopted. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Cameron to continue Rules and Regulations as previously adopted. (Currently still under revision.) Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cameron and seconded by Commissioner Decker to continue the Code of Ethics as previously adopted. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cameron and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to have Key Bank credit cards issued to each Commissioner, the Fire Chief, and the two Assistant Chiefs, at the current limits. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried. (Chairman and Co-Chairwoman Credit limit is \$5000, everyone else is \$1500)

A motion was made by Commissioner Grecco and seconded by Commissioner Cameron to keep Pen Flex as the Administrator and RBC Wealth Management as the Investor for the Service Awards Program. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Grecco and seconded by Commissioner Decker to provide VFBL coverage to our members involved on County Teams. Unanimous approval (3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstain) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

Commissioner Keenan advised the board that we currently use Frank Simeone as our attorney "at will". He stated that until we get through the process of selecting someone else, he recommends that we continue "at will" only and not enter any long-term agreement at such time that we notify them that they are

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not our provider any more. A motion by Commissioner Keenen was made and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to hire Kornfeld, Rew, Newman & Simeone on an "at will" basis until legal representation is otherwise decided by the Board of Fire Commissioners. (3 ayes, 0 nays 1 abstain) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried. Mr. Frank Simeone will attend monthly meetings as decided upon by the Board of Fire Commissioners at a fee as previously set. (Attorney will also handle other business of the fire district on a fee basis.)

\*\*Commissioner Keenan stated that we cannot be without a medical advisor, we will stick with Dr. Basri for the time being. Commissioner Cameron further stated that all our documentation is currently signed by him.

At 7:18 P.M., as all business of the Reorganization Meeting of the Coldenham Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners had been addressed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cameron and seconded by Commissioner Grecco. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Keenan  
Secretary