

Coldenham Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
June 5, 2017

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Coldenham Fire District was held on June 5, 2017 at the Coldenham Fire House. Commissioner Keenan called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Joe Keenan, Anita Grecco, Warren Decker, Wayne Jacobowitz and Rickey Cameron.

Also present: Mary Keenan, Secretary
Linda Miller, Treasurer
Matt Hunt, Chief
Mike Wirth, Captain
Rob Cable, Captain

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Cameron to dispense with the reading of the monthly meeting minutes of May 8, 2017 and accept them as written. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Communications

- We received the annual deposit letter for LOSAP from RBC Wealth Management. They suggested a deposit in the amount of approximately \$71,000. Commissioner Keenan will contact them to find out what the difference was as we normally deposit about \$85,000.

Hall Requests

Fran Joyce for a baby shower on October 7. Check included.

A motion was made by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve the request. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Public Discussion

Mike Keenan Sr is opposed to the online training. He requests going back to classroom training. Commissioner Keenan stated that the reason we went to online training was to avoid taking time away from drill nights.

Wanda Besser asked what the Fire Police is to do if threatened to be hit, sworn at and called offensive names during traffic control? Commissioner Keenan stated that the Chief should be alerted first and if necessary, contact 911. Some discussion ensued and Clem also added that he was called a derogatory term too.

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Committee Reports

Safety Committee: Commissioner Cameron stated there was 1 slip and fall that was recorded. No need for report.

Mack Restoration Committee: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that the Mack runs and participated in the Memorial Day Parade in the Town of Newburgh without incident. We will be looking for upgrade some electrical issues before restoration.

Building or Property Committee: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that there was an issue with the air conditioner not working. It wasn't draining properly and it was really hot so it flooded the Ladies Room. The unit was shut off and the plumber was called. Commissioner Jacobowitz will contact the plumber and see that it is fixed.

Old Business

Driver Qualification/Active Duty Criteria: Commissioner Keenan stated that this is still a work in progress.

Fuel Audit: Commissioner Jacobowitz stated that he has not completed it yet.

EVOC: Commissioner Keenan stated that three classes were scheduled for the drivers through Target Solutions to be completed by June 30, 2017.

Pressure Washer: Commissioner Jacobowitz received a verbal offer for the pump, but has not received a written offer. He is going to put the old hose reel back on and replace the O ring to see if that will stop the leaking.

Water Softener: Commissioner Decker got in contact with Bliss. He will follow up on this topic and have information for the next meeting.

Life Insurance for Firefighters: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that this is still in progress.

Sutphen Truck: Commissioner Keenan spoke with the FireTech ladies who said that there has been no serious inquiries. He is waiting to get a contact name and number from Sutphen to ask about their buy-back program. Commissioner Decker asked if we could keep the truck as a reserve. He said that we did our due diligence and rather than give it away, maybe we could use it as a reserve. Commissioner Grecco added that she thinks the community would wonder why we needed a new ladder truck if we were going to keep the old one. Some discussion ensued. Commissioner recommends lowering the price once more and see if there is any interest. A motion was made by Commissioner Cameron and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to reduce the asking price to \$25,000. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Physicals: Commissioner Cameron advised the board that there are 8 members left who

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need to complete their physicals. He is also working to schedule a night to complete fit testing.

Audit: Commissioner Keenan reminded everyone that the board will be meeting with the Auditor on June 7, 2017 at 7:00. The secretary published a special meeting notice in the Wallkill Valley Times.

Overhead Doors: Commissioner Decker got a proposal from Dutchess Overhead Doors. (Proposal attached.) He also said that we have not had our doors serviced in about 4 years. Service on a door can range between \$450 and \$800 or \$900. Front doors are showing signs of wear. To replace all the front doors would be \$21318.00 for the smaller doors and \$6950.00 for the ladder door bringing the total to \$28268.00. Commissioner Keenan suggested that we see what bids we receive next month for the building repair. Then try to make a decision about the bay doors. Commissioner Decker asked to have one of the other Commissioners meet with the representatives and himself as the project gets closer.

SAM (State and Municipal Facilities Program): Commissioner Grecco advised the board that she contacted Senator Larkin's office but they have not gotten back to her. Commissioner Keenan said that we cannot do anything until all the paperwork is submitted and approved. The paperwork states that it could take 12 to 14 months.

Ongoing & Upcoming Projects

Office and Files Room Renovation: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that we are still working on this.

Doors, Keys & Locks: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that we have "the list" of the doors, names, numbers, which key opens which door and how many of each. It was submitted to the locksmith who said it takes a couple weeks to order and get everything. When he has everything, he will give us a call to begin work.

Surplus Equipment: Nothing to report.

Station Structural Repair: The legal notice was in the paper. Commissioner Keenan advised the board that he sent out about 10 bid specs. He scheduled a walk around for Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 6 PM for those interested. Bids for this project will be opened at the July meeting.

Bay Floors: Commissioner Decker stated that he spoke with Steve on the 23rd of last month. He said they are very busy and knows that we are waiting until after the 3rd. Commissioner Decker believes that he will be in contact within the next two weeks.

SCBA Bottles and Equipment (Federal Grant): Chief Hunt and Assistant Chief Kenny did some research and found that everything is still tied up in the budget. They are hoping to

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have things moving so they can start awarding stuff that never got finished from last year next month.

Fire Equipment Inventory: Chief Hunt advised the board that it is done except 201, the EMS Closet and some pagers need to be pulled before being inventoried. Commissioner Keenan asked that it be placed on the shared drive so everyone can have access to it.

New Business

Mid-Year Budget Review: Commissioner Keenan would like to review this year's budget at the July meeting.

RBC Wealth Management: Commissioner Keenan stated that this is the first time ever that they asked for less money. We normally send them either \$80K or \$85K and this year they requested \$71,092. He will call to find out why this is so much less. Treasurer Miller stated that we normally sent them our deposit toward the end of the year. Commissioner Keenan said that we don't have to make a decision now, we'll look at it again next month after contacting them.

Chief's Report

Membership

- New members: 1 – Joseph Masloski (to be voted on tomorrow night at Company meeting)
- Qualified drivers: 0
- New Drivers Requested: 0
- Drivers dropped: 0
- Physicals: In progress
- Members passing probation: 0
- Members reinstated: 0
- Members dropped due to non-payment of dues 0
- Social Members dropped: 0
- Status switch: 0
- Members suspended: 0
- Members resigned: 0

Further Information from the Chief

- Chief Hunt advised the board that he has a proposal from Reliant Fire Hose Testing Inc to perform hose testing at an approximate cost of \$2807.55. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Decker to have Reliant perform hose testing at a cost of \$2807.55. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Hunt contacted State Line Fire & Safety Inc to provide service on all Hurst rescue tools and power units at a cost of \$600. They informed him that the last service was done in July 2013. This service should be done annually. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to have

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- the Hurst tools and power units serviced at a cost of \$600. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Hunt stated that he received an estimate from FirstDue Fire Equipment for a full set of gear (everything but gloves) at a cost of \$3,946.40 on state bid. He added that they are still quoting last year’s cost. A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to purchase 7 sets of gear at a cost of \$27,624.80. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Hunt thanked the district and everyone in attendance for their cooperation this weekend with the wet-down. He also apologized to the Fire Police and anyone else effected by the 20-minute mishap out front when people decided to park where we told them not to park.
- Chief Hunt asked for permission to have beer for their Country Night on August 5, 2017. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Cameron to allow the company to have beer at Country Night on August 5, 2017. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Hunt would like permission to allow the Rescue to go to the Hudson Valley Parade in West Glen’s Falls on Saturday, June 17 if carrying a full crew. If not, participants would be allowed to take a smaller truck. A motion was made by Commissioner Cameron and seconded by Commissioner Decker to allow the company to take either the Rescue truck (if carrying a full crew) or a smaller truck to the Hudson Valley Parade in West Glens Falls on June 17. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Further Information from the Commissioners

Commissioner Keenan advised the board that the drain in the back of the building was ready to collapse. An emergency repair was needed. He talked to Commissioner Grecco and Commissioner Jacobowitz. He apologized to Commissioner Decker and Commissioner Cameron, but he made the decision to have it fixed. He contacted Ken Alborg who did the concrete work at a cost of \$2750. It will be coned off until this Friday. At that time, the cones can be removed.

Commissioner Grecco reported that Fire Districts and School Districts would be excluded from consolidation.

Information from the Treasurer/Secretary

- Treasurer Miller advised the board that we will be receiving the 2% Fire Tax money from the state. They credited and debited \$.01 on the statement.

Approved Expenditures

Reliant Host Testing	\$ 2,807.55
State Line (Hurst servicing)	600.00

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First Due Fire Equipment (7 sets of gear) 27,624.80

Public Comments

Wanda Besser said there was a man who said he lived across from the church who said that he was never notified about the wet-down and said there was nothing on the marquis. She said she felt bad for him because he had a house full of people and he had gone out to get food and had to walk from the gas station on 17K to his home. Clem said that he did not feel bad for him because they had words on the other end.

Commissioner Decker asked if the lawyer had ever gotten back to us about the issue brought up a couple of meetings ago in Executive Session. Commissioner Keenan replied that the lawyer did not and he had forgotten about it. He will call the lawyer.

Bills Signed

Commissioner Decker made a motion to pay bills if found correct, seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

Budget to Actual Report

Commissioner Keenan acknowledged receipt of the Budget to Actual Report and it was reviewed.

Wet-down: Commissioner Keenan acknowledged that the fire district while working with the company could have the best plan, but sometimes it goes to crap. Commissioner Keenan apologized to Commissioner Decker, his daughter, his family. The plan not to hold up traffic did not go as planned. Sometimes firefighters listen and sometimes they don't. They are too concerned to have fun. So he apologized. He also said that he wished he knew about the issues experienced by the Fire Police. He would have gotten off the roof and went to their location himself. He apologized to them and would like to talk to them at their convenience. In hindsight, there are things we should have done differently. He asked Chief Hunt to have a "Hot Wash" with the committee and asked to have Commissioner Decker and himself invited to review what went right and what went wrong in an effort to not have the wrongs happen again. Chief Hunt agreed. One additional comment was in that in the future, a wet-down should be held as soon as possible after receiving the truck so people don't forget. He said that the remainder of the event went well, no unruly people, people had a good time, participating fire companies came and went in a timely fashion, some even came back. The hold-up came when companies came from 17k and then out of nowhere, others came from Coldenham Road. He once again apologized to Commissioner Decker who appreciated all that was done by the district, Chief Hunt and anyone else who tried to help. Commissioner Grecco added that in the future the district, company and ladies auxiliary need to communicate better to avoid the little bumps that can occur.

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Adjournment

Since all regular business was completed, Commissioner Decker moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Keenan
Secretary