

Coldenham Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
August 13, 2018

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Coldenham Fire District was held on August 13, 2018 at the Coldenham Fire House. Commissioner Keenan called the meeting to order and led the salute to our flag.

Roll Call

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

Also, present: Mary Keenan, Secretary
Linda Miller, Treasurer
Capt. Mike Wirth

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Grecco and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to dispense with the reading of the monthly meeting minutes of July 9, 2018 and accept them as written. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Communications

- A 2018 Leadership Summit & Vendor Expo paperwork was received. It will be held at the Saratoga Hilton & Saratoga City Center in Saratoga Springs from October 11 through the 13, 2018.
- Commissioner Keenan advised the board that we received our monthly statement from RBC Wealth Management on LOSAP. Statement balance as of June 31, 2018 is \$1,157,471.49 which is an increase in value of approximately \$10,000.00.
- Information from Rose & Kiernan: NY State recently passed two new mandates. One is the Cancer Bill and the second is that the Accidental Death & Dismemberment & Illness policies will no longer provide any illness benefits effective on the renewal date of our policy. Commissioner Keenan replied that it was a contradiction of the state passing the Cancer Bill which is an illness and deny insurance coverage for all the other illnesses. About the cancer bill, they are still waiting on final approval from the Department of Financial Services for the forms and rates. At this time the proposed rate will be between \$200 and \$250 per eligible firefighter. This will be a stand-alone policy. They will keep in touch with us as soon as more information becomes available. A census form was included, and we will have to start working on it with the Chief.

Central Hudson: Commissioner Grecco met with the representative. First, she was asked if we had to pay prevailing wages. If so, the rep said that it would not be worth it for what we have. She said that the job would be about \$4,939 and about double for paying prevailing wages. The board asked her to see if she can get a quote based on paying prevailing wages, and how long it would take to make up the electric savings.

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Hall Requests

Tina Redenburg on August 19, 2018 for a bridal shower from 8 am to 7 pm. Deposit was received.

Jessica Thorn on October 13, 2018 for a first birthday from 11 to 5pm. Deposit was received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Grecco and seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve Tina Redenburg's request. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Decker to approve Jessica Thorn's request provided the Fire Company will not be using it on that day for Fire Prevention (Capt. Wirth will check with Chief Hunt). Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Public Discussion

Nothing currently.

Committee Reports

Safety Committee: Commissioner Cameron advised the board that there was nothing new to report.

Mack Restoration Committee: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that the Mack is currently at Ruscon. They are working on some electrical and mechanical issues. The owner is ecstatic to be working on it. Commissioner Keenan thinks we will have it back by the end of the month. We have a \$1200 credit with Ruscon.

Building or Property Committee: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that a fan in the bay is broken. The person called Commissioner Keenan when it happened, and he didn't let the board know because he didn't think it would be such a big deal. It will be fixed shortly. Commissioner Jacobowitz would like to purchase 4 new blades for the fan. A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Cameron to spend up to \$100 to purchase 4 new blades for the fan. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Commissioner Keenan also advised the board that the entry door to the back-building's circuit board is no good. The officers have been advised of the location of the key to that door for the interim. We have extra parts that we can swap to fix it.

Old Business

District Rules and Regulations Review: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that this is ongoing.

Fuel Audit: Nothing currently.

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Life Insurance for Firefighters: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that we voted to do the life insurance and then we had to redo the census because the quote we got was from December. So, he met with the Chief and the President to update the census. The August 2, 2018 quote came in at \$30633. In December it was \$21539. He stated that Provident was not the only company to offer life insurance, do you have anyone else? They said they did, VSEO. Commissioner Keenan clarified if it was VFIS and was told no. So, he called Ken Andrews, who is the district commissioner in Dutchess County who also works for VFIS. Commissioner Keenan explained our issue. Ken asked for the census. So, we received a proposal from Gladfelter for the \$30,000 coverage for active and \$1,000 coverage for those that were active for 5 years. At age 70 state laws says the coverage gets reduced by 50% so the \$30K goes to \$15K. The total annual cost is \$18704.54. Commissioner Keenan asked the board to keep in mind we do have other coverage with Provident. The Accidental Death and Dismemberment 24/7 policy for \$50K coverage was \$4732 and will now be \$3549. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Cameron to enter into contract with Gladfelter through Rose and Kiernan at a cost of \$18704.54. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Decker to enter into contract with Provident through Rose and Kiernan for Accidental Death and Dismemberment 24/7 coverage in the amount of \$3549. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

SAM (State and Municipal Facilities Program administered by DASNY): Commissioner Keenan advised the board that he got a written estimate from a commercial roofer and sent it to the state. They got back to Commissioner Keenan and said that it was more than we requested and wanted to know if we had the difference (\$3850.00). Commissioner Keenan said that we did. Commissioner Grecco heard from Jennifer who said that everything was A-OK, and we should get the final paperwork in about 3 months.

Physicals: As physicals are completed with just a few stragglers, this topic can be removed from the agenda.

Annual Training: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that all have completed the annual training and this topic can be removed from the agenda.

Air Conditioning Issues: Commissioner Jacobowitz got quotes for two options. The first option is for two units at 72000 BTUs which would cost \$17,500.00. The second option is for three units at a cost of \$26,500.00. Commissioner Jacobowitz would recommend going with the larger units as this will not only cool the room when empty, but also when we have people in there too. Commissioner Keenan asked about dropping central air down through the ceiling. Commissioner Jacobowitz felt with the current unit, that would not be possible, but he could ask for a quote for that.

Kitchen Exhaust Fan: Commissioner Jacobowitz is still working on getting the exhaust fan in the kitchen looked at.

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Exhaust Fan in Men's Room: The plug was taken out of the shower drain, so that might have caused the odor at the time of Country Night. Mice were seen running over the bays doors that night also. Commissioner Keenan asked if we got a bill from Ehrlich? Treasurer Miller answered no. He asked to be told if we get one as they were here recently.

Ongoing & Upcoming Projects

Office and Files Room Renovation: Commissioner Keenan advised the board this continues to be a work in progress.

Doors, Keys & Locks: Commissioner Keenan said the only door issue is the one out back. We also must swap locks out for the Vegas closet.

Surplus Equipment: Nothing currently.

Bay Floors: Commissioner Decker spoke with Tim Besser. He got a call in to Mike DiCaprio but has not heard back from him.

Blacktop: Commissioner Keenan received a call from Ralph DiMartino wanting to know what we were doing. Commissioner Decker will make some phone calls and see if he can get three quotes by next month's meeting to seal ad stripe the front and back.

New Business

LOSAP Contribution: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that the 2018 LOSAP Contribution is \$74,511.00. He would like to see the board raise it to \$75,000 like we did last year. A motion was made by Commissioner Grecco and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to make a \$75,000 contribution to LOSAP for 2018. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Generator Service: Dynatech will be here on August 21, 2018 between the hours of 9-12 to service the generator.

Target Solutions: The renewal date for Target Solutions is October 30, 2018 at a cost of \$6625. It was decided that we opt in the EMTs this year. Commissioner Keenan needs to know the number and names of our EMTs to get an updated invoice. Commissioner Decker feels that we need to cover the active EMTs. The board agreed.

Snow Removal for 2018-2019: Commissioner Decker will leave a draft of the agreement in each Commissioners' mailbox. Please review and make any changes and/or corrections and return it to his mailbox.

Firehouse Expo: Commissioner Cameron advised the board that the Firehouse Expo in Nashville is in October. Registration after August 15 is \$50 more. This will be placed on the agenda for next month's meeting.

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Chief's Report

Membership

- New members: 0
- 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

Apparatus Status

Nothing currently.

Further Information from the Chief

- Cpt Wirth advised the board that the Chief would like to send three members for the EMT course at a cost of \$800 each. They are Frank Draiss Jr, Russell Garrison and Rob Cable. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Decker to allow the three firefighters to take the EMT course at a cost of \$800 each for a total of \$2400. The Chief and the member will sign a simple statement of understanding that the member will reimburse the district if they drop out or fail the course. Statement will be notarized, and Chief will give a copy to the District. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Further Information from the Commissioners

Reminder that we have a budget workshop on Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30.

Information from the Treasurer/Secretary

Treasurer Miller advised the board that we will need to transfer \$98,000 from the Money Market to the general fund checking to cover the LOSAP contribution and the insurance payments. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to transfer \$98,000 from the money market to the general fund checking account. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Treasurer Miller advised the board that we received a check from Emergency Medical Products in the amount of \$1003.25. She will call them tomorrow to clarify what it is for. She will put it in the Chief Equipment line item if it was a return.

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Approved Expenditures

Fan Blades	\$ 100.00
Group Life Insurance	18,704.54
AD&D 24/7	3,549.00
LOSAP Contribution	75,000.00
EMT Course	2,400.00

Public Comments

Mike Keenan asked if it would be cheaper to extend the LOSAP to 40 years instead of buying all that insurance coverage. Commissioner Keenan said that we could investigate that. Mike Keenan qualified his question to with the \$30K a year spent to insurance, he'd rather have seen us expend LOSAP if the cost was the same.

Bills Signed

Commissioner Decker made a motion to pay bills if found correct, seconded by Commissioner Grecco. 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.

Resignation of Assistant Chief Barbara Gasperetti: We received Barbara Gasperetti's resignation as 2nd Assistant Chief for personal reasons effective immediately.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Reconvened at 9:20 PM. The board accepted Barbara Gasperetti's resignation as there was no objection. The suburban will remain on the grounds and the associated equipment will remain locked.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Keenan
Secretary