

Coldenham Fire District  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
May 7, 2018

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Coldenham Fire District was held on May 7, 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  
Chief Matt Hunt  
Assistant Chief Mike Keenan Jr  
Assistant Chief Mike Kenny

**Acceptance of Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Grecco and seconded by Commissioner Decker to dispense with the reading of the monthly meeting minutes of April 9, 2018 and accept them as corrected. Page 1 under Hall Requests, paragraph 1 says A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to approve the use of the hall by the Fire Company on July 1 with set up on June 20 (should be **30**) for the Firemen's Breakfast. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

**Communications**

- We received a card from Judy Audevard on behalf of Paws for a Cause Therapy Dogs thanking us for allowing them to use the hall.
- We received a post card from the Orange County Board of Elections advising us that there will not be a June 26, 2018 Federal Primary at our building this year. The State/Local Primary Election will be September 13, 2018 and the General Elections will be on November 6, 2018.
- From RBC Wealth Management, we received a LOSAP Contribution reminder. The 2018 LOSAP contribution as calculated by Penflex Inc is \$74,511.
- We received a flyer advising of us of an informational meeting to discuss the new cancer coverage for volunteer firefighters in New York. It will be held at the Rombout Fire District on May 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Commissioners Keenan and Grecco will attend.
- We received the packet of information concerning the 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York which will take place in Syracuse from August 9 – 12.
- Commissioner Keenan advised the board that we received our monthly statement from RBC Wealth Management on LOSAP. Statement balance as of April 30, 2018 is \$1,162,213.20 which is a change in value of -\$790.08.
- Commissioner Grecco returned \$34.08 from the advance for hosting the Orange

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County dinner meeting. She also submitted the \$100 check received from the OCFDA.

**Hall Requests**

Commissioner Keenan advised the board that he was called yesterday that Irene Fontaine (wife of firefighter Al Fontaine) passed away and the family would like to use the hall after the funeral on Friday. He called the rest of the board and approved the use as the hall was free.

Commissioner Keenan also mentioned that no one has the right to kick the band out of the facility at their appointed time without them saying ok or us telling them they must leave. Specifically, the ladies, waiting to set up for the tea. There were a bunch of people hanging out there and Donna felt so uncomfortable, that she had to leave early. It's just not right.

- Jessica Thorn on July 15, 2018 from 9 to 5 for a baby shower.
- Regina Hulse on June 16, 2018 from 8 AM to 10 PM for a graduation
- Boy Scout Troop 125 on May 30, 2018 from 7 to 9:30 PM for a bike tour meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Cameron to approve the use of the hall on the above dates. 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 were no injuries, but there was an illness. Member had stomach pains while at the Stewart drill on Saturday. Member was transported to St Luke's Hospital by New Windsor ambulance as a precautionary measure. All is fine.

**Mack Restoration Committee:** Commissioner Keenan advised the board that there was nothing to report.

**Building or Property Committee:** Commissioner Grecco asked who is supposed to put the dirt by the sign? Commissioner Keenan said the Fire Company. Commissioner Grecco said that the Garden Club approached her and would like to put flowers in there. President Keith Aigner will find out from Chuck Bissinger when the dirt will be placed.

Commissioner Keenan advised the board that there was an issue with the washer. The person that used to service it is out of business. He found someone who would service it for cash only, which we can not do. He spoke to someone at Sheeleys. He said he fixes his own, but he would come over and look at it. There was a stick pen that got caught in the

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thing that holds the valve shut to allow the water to fill. So, it is ok now.

**Old Business**

**Driver Qualification/Active Duty Criteria:** Commissioner Keenan would like to come back to this.

**Fuel Audit:** The fuel audit will be due in July for the first 6 months of the year.

**Life Insurance for Firefighters:** Commissioner Keenan would like to come back to this too.

**Overhead Doors:** Commissioner Decker spoke with Dutchess Overhead Doors. They are backed up. We are on their agenda, they just can't give us a date.

**SAM (State and Municipal Facilities Program):** Commissioner Keenan advised the board that Storm King Contractors cannot help us. They do not like to get involved with government buildings anymore. They did give Commissioner Keenan a name and number for Dennis at Lounsbury Builders. He called and spoke to Doug (who is the guy that does the estimates). Commissioner Keenan e-mailed him the measurements. And he hasn't heard back from him yet.

**Plymovent:** Commissioner Jacobowitz advised the board that Plymovent came out on April 10. They went through the complete system, made some recommendations. They replaced the elbow and the regulator for the tanker.

**LOSAP:** Commissioner Keenan advised the board that the contribution for 2019, according to Penflex, Inc., is \$74370. The board would like to meet with Tony Fiorillo from Penflex, Inc. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Decker to have a workshop with Tony Fiorillo from Penflex, Inc on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the firehouse. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried. Secretary will post in Times Herald Record.

**Men's Shower Room:** Commissioner Keenan advised the board that our plumber came to check out the shower. He noted that there is water in the trap, so it is not fumes coming from the shower. It smells like dead animals. Erlich was here and checked in the ceiling tiles. He didn't see anything up there, but now the smell is gone. Commissioner Keenan suggested that if the smell returns, we get a hold of Frank Draiss (the plumber) so he can test to see what it is.

**Annual Training:** Commissioner Keenan reported that people are completing it. It is a good start.

**Physicals:** Commissioner Cameron reported that 58 members have completed their physicals. There are 3 more that need physicals. He submitted an invoice that's up to date

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and the fit test is pending. They are working on getting back to Commissioner Cameron with a couple of dates. Commissioner Cameron will let Chief Hunt know who still needs physicals, so he can advise them that they cannot respond to calls or any Firematic functions. He will also give the list to the secretary for the records.

**Cooling Firemen's Room:** Commissioner Decker suggests getting two free standing air conditioning units. They range from \$300 to \$500 a piece. He will get quotes for next meeting.

**Public Speaker:** Commissioner Keenan asked if anyone else had watched the video made by the speaker. He advised the board of the speaker's (Marc Mero) background. He was a pro-wrestler, got into drugs, did bad things, went to jail and is in recovery. He goes to schools, he can relate to kids, he's a pretty good speaker on the merits of cleaning up your act and seeking out help if you need it. So, Commissioner Keenan's question is this: Is Bob Reynolds spearheading this as Commissioner of the Montgomery Fire District or as Bob Reynolds the citizen of the Town of Montgomery? Commissioner Cameron does not know for a fact. But he does know that Bob has been a key player in the mock drill at the high school and the problem is certainly prevalent in Orange County and he just wanted to spearhead this to try to get a speaker here. He reached out to the PD and Fire Departments and has told Commissioner Cameron that he has a commitment from Maybrook, Montgomery and Walden and he was looking for us to make it unanimous. Commissioner Cameron has not spoken to anyone from the other fire districts. He has a battalion meeting next Tuesday and he will bring it up to see if we can get more information before we decide. Commissioner Keenan said that we have the taxpayers' money, and this is kind of out of our scope. We must do our due diligence with the taxpayers' money. Commissioner Keenan said that he would feel better knowing that Bob was spearheading this as a Commissioner. He did talk to one Commissioner of Walden Fire District who said that this was brought up and they have not voted on it yet but were leaning to vote yes. Commissioner Cameron added that initially the request was for \$1,000 and now they are looking for \$1,500. Commissioner Keenan added that the speaker only does a one-hour briefing for the high school kids and they added another hour briefing for the middle school kids. Nothing for the community. More discussion ensued.

**LOSAP Workshop/Meeting:** After a brief discussion, it was decided that the previous motion to have a workshop with Tony Fiorillo would be amended. A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Cameron to have a special meeting with Tony Fiorillo on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 to review our LOSAP program and immediately follow with a discussion about our Active Duty Criteria and any other necessary business. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried. Commissioner Jacobowitz will order dinner for the board.

**Life Insurance for Firefighters:** Commissioner Keenan stated that we need to put this topic to rest. Commissioner Keenan feels covering the active firefighters that meet the criteria is fine. It's measurable, you go for your physical, you do your courses, you come

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around, you're active. The hard part is the people who used to come around. We could enter life insurance for the active people while trying to figure out what to do for the others and add them later. Commissioner Keenan suggests that everyone think about it and come on Monday with your choice of coverage. More discussion followed.

**Ongoing & Upcoming Projects**

**Office and Files Room Renovation:** Commissioner Keenan advised the board this is a work in progress.

**Doors, Keys & Locks:** On hold.

**Surplus Equipment:** Commissioner Keenan advised the board that he and Chief Hunt identified many things that aren't even equipment that could be recycled. To include the racks and doors. Once that is out of there, it will be easier to see what it back there and if we can sell any of it.

**Bay Floors:** Commissioner Decker has had no response from them.

**Blacktop:** On hold.

**FEMA Grant:** Commissioner Keenan advised the board that the best-case scenario would be to buy bottles (80) for about \$125,000. To replace the packs (two bottles, the harness, regulator and high temperature mask) would be about \$350,000. Chief Hunt stated that we have tried to help with this twice and if we were to try again, he suggests hiring a grant writer.

**New Business**

**Spring Clean-Up:** Commissioner Decker submitted a quote from Belly Flop for spring clean-up in the amount of \$850. (Quote attached) A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Cameron to award the contract to Belly Flop for \$850.00. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

**Deed Information:** Commissioner Keenan advised the board that according to our deed, we are to maintain our rock walls where they are. Our rock walls can no longer disappear as a former member of the board let them disappear.

**Chief's Report**

**Membership**

- New members: 0
- Qualified drivers: 1 Crystal Hanewich on 207
- New Drivers Requested: 0
- Drivers dropped: 0
- Physicals: In progress

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- Members passing probation: 0
- Members reinstated: 0
- Members dropped due to non-payment of dues 12 (list below)
- Social Members dropped: 0
- Status switch: 0
- Members suspended: 0
- Members resigned: 0

Members dropped for non-payment: Theron Adkins, Caryn Bartley, Rachel Coleman, Kelly Ferguson, Barbara Ferguson, Louis Grillo, Michael Kennedy, Kenneth Lewis, Michael Nichols, Ray VanInWegen, Jacob Wilson and Brandon Wright

### **Apparatus Status**

- All preventative maintenance is done. Oil changes and inspections are due in the fall.
- Commissioner Keenan advised the board that he has a call in to Ruscon concerning 204. During the PM on this truck, Ruscon said it needed brakes and other things and they were supposed to fix it top to bottom. We had the rear directional fixed, and it doesn't work again. And they rebuild the power steering box that was leaking that we just paid them to rebuild when we were having EVOC. The treasurer is going to hold payment from that invoice (\$12,000) until we hear back from them.
- 208 had a blow-out on the way back from Ruscon. An emergency purchase for all six tires from Rapid Tire (on state contract) came to about \$5227. Commissioner Keenan spoke to Bobby at Rapid Tire. They will send a technician to our station to inspect every tire on every vehicle we have and give us an assessment.

### **Further Information from the Chief**

- Chief Hunt advised the board that the company received a letter from H & M Leasing Corp with a fund-raising proposition to place a clothing bin at our fire station. Commissioner Keenan asked the chief what the company's position was? The Chief said that the company was in favor of it pending the approval of the fire district. After some discussion, the board supports the organization, but does not support a bin being placed at our fire station. A motion was made by Commissioner Cameron and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to not support a clothing bin being placed at our fire station. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Hunt advised the board that Commissioner Keenan, Commissioner Cameron and himself met with the construction company of the proposed 1.1 million square foot warehouse that is going behind Johnny's. They received the layout of what is going to be there concerning fire protection. We expressed some needs and they are going to reach back out to us to find out our manpower, the equipment that we currently have, our capabilities etc. From there they will make an assessment and let us know what they can do to help us as far as needed equipment. Chief Hunt also

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said that once they can say who is moving in there, they will get us a direct contact with them to see if they can do anything for us.

- Chief Hunt advised the board that once he gets prices, he would like to send some guys to Nashville in October this year.

**Further Information from the Commissioners**

Commissioner Decker asked if the AED's had been received yet? Chief Hunt said that they have not. He is working with the responsible party to obtain them. The secretary will give Chief Hunt her copies so that he can ensure they are ordered.

Commissioner Cameron informed the board that the county now has an active shooter training class available. He's not sure of the date, but there is a sign-up sheet downstairs. Commissioner Keenan asked the Chiefs to inform everyone at the drill tomorrow.

Commissioner Cameron also informed the board that he ordered a pager case for Commissioner Decker and he feels that we should order one with each new pager we purchase and those that we have. They are \$19.95, and we have about 30 pagers. A motion was made by Commissioner Cameron and seconded by Commissioner Decker to purchase 30 pager cases at \$19.95 each for up to \$600. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Commissioner Keenan stated that since the President of the Fire Company was not in attendance, the Chief would have to relay the message. He informed the board that there is no way that only the people that we approve hall requests for leave this hall the way it is today. It was like this yesterday and the day before. People haven't used the hall since the weekend before. And he knows they cleaned it. After that there was a company meeting, a blood drive and he knows the sweet ladies from the garden club didn't leave it a mess. The only perpetrator then is the fire company. They are the worst ones to clean up after themselves. They need to be reminded that they need to clean up after themselves or they might not be using the hall for their meetings, they can meet in the bays.

**Information from the Treasurer/Secretary**

Treasurer Miller suggested that we deposit the PILOT money to the JP Morgan Chase account. A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to deposit the PILOT money in the amount of \$86774.82 into the JP Morgan Chase account. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

**Approved Expenditures**

Belly Flop for Spring Clean-up	\$ 850.00
30 Pager Cases	approx. 600.00

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**Public Comments**

Nothing currently.

**Bills Signed**

Commissioner Jacobowitz 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.

**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