

Coldenham Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
November 10, 2014

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Coldenham Fire District was held on November 10, 2014 at the Coldenham Fire House. Commissioner Keenan opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Joe Keenan, Anita Grecco, Warren Decker and Andy Garofalo. Tim Besser is excused.

Also present: Mary Keenan, Secretary
Linda Miller, Treasurer

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Grecco to dispense with the reading of the monthly meeting minutes of October 13, 2014, the Budget Hearing Minutes of October 21, 2014, the Budget Adoption Minutes of November 3, 2014 and the Special Meeting of November 9, 2014 and accept them as written. Commissioner Garofalo seconded the motion. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Communications

- We received our monthly RBC Wealth Management report. The ending account value as of October 31, 2014 was \$1,046,516.59.

Hall Requests

There were no hall requests.

Public Discussion

Mike Keenan mentioned that the website needs to be updated.

Steve Molnar asked for the district's by-laws. Commissioner Keenan stated that at this time the district is reviewing its Rules and Regulations and the only area that would be in question during the election process in the fire company would only pertain to definitions of active firefighters.

Committee Reports

Space Committee and Surplus List: Nothing to report at this time.

Safety Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Mack Restoration Committee: Assistant Chief Miller brought the truck to Sauerkrauts to have the electric traced. They found no issues with the wiring, but the 6 volt bulbs were bad. They were able to replace them. The grinding was in the speedometer cable and they were able to grease it up and now it is fine.

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Old Business

Physicals: Commissioner Keenan stated that Commissioner Besser was checking with Dr Basri's office on one firefighter. He felt that it is a recording issue at Dr Basri's office.

Driver Qualification/Active Duty Criteria: A work session is planned for November 15, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The commissioners and Chiefs will need to attend.

LOSAP/Service Awards: Commissioner Keenan stated that he has nothing to report on this topic at this time.

Server and Workstations: Commissioner Keenan still needs to order a workstation. He needs to find workstations that don't have Window 8 on them. He might have to order them.

Kick plate for the Trophy Case: Commissioner Besser was supposed to get the wood. Commissioner Keenan didn't know if he did yet.

Policy Manual by Scicchitano & Pinsky (District Rules & Regs): This is tied into the work session planned for November 15, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

PA/Paging system: The board will look at this again next month to see if there is money available.

Fuel Audit: Commissioner Keenan hasn't finalized the report.

RFP's for Electrician, Plumber and General Maintenance: We will incorporate this item into our reorganization meeting.

Hall Rental: Commissioner Grecco stated that she is still working on the hall rental form. She hopes to have a final form by next month so we can implement any changes with the first of the year.

Building Repair: Commissioner Keenan stated that a door has been ordered to replace the door next to 202. He also stated that we need to work on specs for the work to be done on the rest of the building.

Caba Keys and Locks: Nothing to report at this time.

Outside Lighting: Commissioner Grecco advised the board that they will be here next week. John Sutton is also set to come on Saturday.

Painting of Exit Stairs: Commissioner Grecco advised the board that the back stairs are done. She also wanted to mention that each time the workers came, the door at the top of the stairs was open. Commissioner Keenan will look at it.

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Consultant: Commissioner Grecco, Commissioner Garofalo, Commissioner Besser and Mary Keenan attended the meeting at the Town Hall in Montgomery pertaining to the possibility of a casino in our district. Commissioner Grecco stated that they were very good at listening to all our issues and concerns. They also told us that if we hire a consultant or do anything pertaining to the casino project, we should give them the bills as they have a fund in place for that. They went over where the hydrants were to be placed. They also stated that they will have a sprinkler system in the casino and hotel areas and might use dry extinguishers in their parking garage. They will also have a haylon system in their mechanical room. She felt they were very forthcoming with their information and interested in all that our representatives had to say.

EMT Reimbursement: Nothing to report at this time.

GFI Outlets: Commissioner Garofalo talked to John Sutton and he will install them when he comes out this weekend.

Fall Cleanup: Commissioner Decker advised the board that the fall cleanup has been done. He apologized to Captain Kathy Gasperetti if they interfered with the Ladies Auxiliary's Craft Fair. He also stated that it took them a good part of the day and then they hung around to clean up Manzari Drive.

American Power and Gas: Treasurer Linda Miller spoke to them this week. They had sent us a certificate indicating that we had an account with them. They needed to set up an account in order to send us the information. Treasurer Miller verified that we don't have an account with them. She also stated that she just needs to contact Central Hudson to make sure that Ambit is listed as our electricity supplier.

Petition for Commissioner Election: Petitions are available to anyone wishing to run for Commissioner from the Secretary.

New Business

Commissioner Garofalo informed the board that he has decided not to seek another term for Commissioner. Commissioner Keenan said that he was sorry to hear that.

Chief's Report

Membership

- New members: 0
- Qualified drivers: 0
- New Drivers Requested: 0
- Drivers dropped: 0
- Physicals: On going
- Members passing probation: 0
- Members reinstated: 0
- Members dropped: 0
- Social Members dropped: 0

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- Status switch: 0
- Members suspended: 1 pending
- Members resigned: 0

Further Information from the Chief

- Chief Draiss informed the board that they received a subpoena about a fire that we did not respond to. Commissioner Keenan suggested that we give it to our attorney.
- Chief Draiss would like to purchase hand sanitizers, gloves and hoods, 9 volt batteries for the air packs, accountability tags. Commissioner Decker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grecco to approve up to \$350 to purchase accountability tags. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Draiss submitted a quote for tires for the two trailers for a total of \$861.24. This expense was already approved at last month's meeting.
- Chief Draiss advised the board that all the smaller trucks were inspected last week.
- Chief Draiss advised the board that there is a Battalion III meeting on December 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Town of Newburgh Police Station with regard to draining the water tank in the Industrial park.

Further Information from the Commissioners

There was no additional information from the Commissioners at this time.

Information from the Treasurer/Secretary

Treasurer Miller asked if we could pay the \$400 tax abatement at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Garofalo and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to authorize Treasurer Miller to pay the \$400 tax abatement for the Town of Newburgh to Orange County. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Treasurer Miller needs to transfer \$55,000 from the money market to the general fund checking. Commissioner Grecco made a motion seconded by Commissioner Decker to move \$55,000 from the money market account to the general checking for monthly bills. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Treasurer Miller asked for a Dunn & Bradstreet number for us for Pete Cunningham so he can complete Grant forms.

Treasurer Miller advised the board that she registered Commissioner Grecco and herself for the seminar in Goshen on December 6 and 7 covering legal issues.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

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Meeting reconvened at 8:35 PM. The session was for information only, no action was taken.

Approved Expenditures

Accountability tags	up to \$350.00
Orange County (TON tax abatement)	400.00

Public Discussion

Captain Kathy Gasperetti asked if the company was going to Washingtonville Christmas parade. Chief Draiss said yes and he would like to have permission to takes some trucks. A motion was made by Commissioner Garofalo and seconded by Commissioner Decker to approve the use of the trucks for the Washingtonville Christmas parade on December 6, 2014. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

President Blaney asked if the door to the President’s back office could be fixed. Steve Molnar said that he would fix it.

President Blaney advised the board that the company will not have Vegas nights in 2015.

President Blaney asked the board to consider finishing off the back room of the President’s office. It looks like the insulation is falling.

Bills Signed

Commissioner Garofalo made a motion to pay bills if found correct, seconded by Commissioner Decker. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Since all regular business was completed, Commissioner Decker moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Grecco. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Keenan
Secretary