

Coldenham Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
October 12, 2015

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Coldenham Fire District was held on October 12, 2015 at the Coldenham Fire House. Commissioner Besser opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Tim Besser, Joe Keenan, Anita Grecco, Warren Decker and Wayne Jacobowitz.

Also present: Mary Keenan, Secretary
Linda Miller, Treasurer
Frank Draiss, Chief
Barbara Gasperetti, 2nd Assistant Chief

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Keenan to dispense with the reading of the monthly meeting minutes of September 14, 2015 and accept them as written. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Communications

- We received the title for the 2015 Chevy Tahoe and a thank you card from Chevrolet.
- We received the Association of Fire Districts of Orange County postcard informing us that the next meeting will be on October 27, 2015 at 7:30PM at the Monroe Fire House. The topic for discussion will be the cost of the county's new radio system.
- Received the return receipt documentation that the letter was delivered to Marangi Disposal and signed for by Cathy Torres.
- We received the Air/Gas Quality Report & Certificate for the compressor. The secretary will file and place a copy by the compressor.
- We also received a notice from Energy Future Holdings concerning their chapter 11 process.
- Commissioner Keenan stated that we also received our monthly LOSAP investment statements, auto pay and payouts etc. The balance as of September 30, 2015 was \$997,588.24. We also received confirmation that they paid out the disability claim.
- Communication was received from PenFlex they will cover the LOSAP report.
- Commissioner Besser advised the board that we received a letter from NYS Insurance Fund that the lost crossed multiplier will be going down 5%.
- Commissioner Besser also advised the board that we received confirmation from Rose & Kiernan, Inc that effective October 2, 2015 all coverage for the 2008 Ford with a vin ending in 07684 has been deleted.
- Commissioner Besser also received a newsletter from Smith, Bus and Jacobs that discusses the law that California is proposing to allow fire companies to "take out" drones.

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Hall Requests

- Theo Marino on October 25, 2015 from 2 pm to 6pm for a birthday party
- Jeremy Bissinger on February 13, 2016 for a bridal shower
- Anthony Trapini on November 15, 2015 from 11 am to 7 pm for a birthday party
- Colden Park Homeowner's Association on October 21, 2015 at 7:30 for a meeting

Checks were received by everyone and all dates are available. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Decker to approve the use of the hall for the above requests. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Public Discussion

None.

Committee Reports

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

Safety Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Mack Restoration Committee: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that the Mack was taken to the county parade. He feels that it needs tires. They are dry rotted and retreads. He will investigate and bring back information next month.

Building Repair Committee: Commissioner Jacobowitz advised the board that he has been in contact with Russ and Joe from RD's. He is trying to get them set up for appointments so the metal work can be done on the bottom of the building. He has also been in contact with Liberty Locks and there may be a problem with the software. He would like to talk to Commissioner Besser about it.

Commissioner Besser advised the board that he bought a new lock from Lowe's and replaced the lock on the bathroom door upstairs.

Commissioner Grecco met with Mr. Ruggiero and an engineer. He feels the box needs to be put on top and we've got to put all the electrical on the other side. The engineer said his fee is \$2500 and Mr. Ruggiero has been away and Commissioner Grecco has not heard back from him. Commissioner Grecco will try to get in touch with him. She also feels that this needs to be fixed before winter to avoid something happening in the winter that couldn't be fixed at that time. Commissioner Besser voiced his opinion that he is beginning to lose faith in Mr. Ruggiero's ability to complete this job. He has been looking at this job for six months and we are no closer to having the job done as we were at that time.

Commissioner Keenan advised the board that while Commissioner Grecco was away he and another individual worked on that massive amount of spaghetti wires and got the sign lit. Yes, the box in the ground is bad and needs to be raised. He also advised the board that they could also light up the back, but he advised them not to. Commissioner Keenan

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stated that there are too many wires so they wired it to an unused bank out of the firehouse. So as of right now, the light for the sign is on its own circuit. There are some things that need to be done that we could do. For example, the conduit that comes up out of the ground near the light on the pole near the sign is broken. We need to buy new conduit, disconnect the wire, put it in the ground and raise the junction box up a bit. After some discussion Commissioner Keenan just wanted approval for him to buy the conduit and the boxes and do what can be done. The board agreed to have Commissioner Keenan make it happen.

Truck Committee: Commissioner Keenan and the committee met on September 29 and got quite a bit done. He would like to meet again on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM.

Old Business

Physicals: Nothing new at this time.

Driver Qualification/Active Duty Criteria: Commissioner Besser would like to finalize the policy manual on October 20, 2015 after the budget hearing.

LOSAP/Service Awards: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that the estimated fees for the next year are \$5200. A motion was made by Commissioner Keenan and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to contract for the coming year with PenFlex at an estimated cost of \$5200. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Fuel Audit: Nothing to report at this time.

Kaba Keys and Locks: Commissioner Jacobowitz is still working with Liberty Locksmith of Orange County.

Life insurance for Active Members: Commissioner Keenan suggested that this is revisited after clarifying the active membership criteria.

Letters from NYS DOT and Fire District: Commissioner Besser advised the board that we sent our letter off to the DOT and to the best of his knowledge, we have received no reply or response or acknowledgement that they have received the letter. He also stated that since sending the letter there have been five accidents at that intersection. Commissioner Grecco will bring this information to Senator Larkin's attention.

Fall Clean-up: Belly Flop submitted an updated proposal for fall clean up. First proposal is to have one clean up after all leaves have fallen, \$850. Second proposal is for two smaller clean-ups at \$400 each. A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to accept the proposal of the two smaller clean-ups at the cost of \$400 each. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays)

Back Building Paving: Commissioner Keenan stated that the paving was done at the back

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building, but it creates another issue which he will bring up under new business.

New Business

Back Building: Commissioner Keenan explained that since the paving was done there is a heck of a drop between the pavement and the ground. We have to bring some fill in there and bring the grade up. In spots, it is literally a foot drop. Commissioner Keenan called around and he received one proposal from Belly Flop. (see attached) The estimated cost is \$1850. A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to accept Belly Flop's proposal at a cost of \$1850. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Commissioner Besser stated that we need to get some planks under the trailer by the back building. He thinks we need to get at least two 8' two by twelves.

Board of Elections: Commissioner Grecco got a call from the Board of Elections. They would like to drop the machines off on October 29 and pick them up a week later.

Fall Association of Fire Districts of New York Workshop: The Workshop and Vendor Expo will be held October 29 to November 1 in Ellenville. Anyone interested, the cost is \$75 per day or \$200 for all three days.

Snow Removal Bids for 2015-2016 Season: Commissioner Decker advised the board that Belly Flop has a second year option for this snow season. Commissioner Decker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to exercise the second year option as long as Belly Flop's proposal is 5% or less for the coming year to contract with them. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

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

Further Information from the Chief

- Chief Draiss advised the board that the suburban has 55K miles on it and it is time to switch to snow tires, but the tread is a little light. He would like to get snow tires.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to allow the chief to purchase 4 tires for the suburban. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

- Chief Draiss advised the board that the 6 wheeler needs front tires. A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to allow the chief to purchase 6 tires for the 6 wheeler. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Draiss would like permission to attend the Wallington Parade in New Jersey on the 27th of November and use some vehicles. He would also like to attend the Washingtonville parade which is the first Saturday in December. A motion was made by Commissioner Keenan and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to attend the Wallington and Washingtonville parades and to use district vehicles. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Draiss congratulated the members and district on taking best appearing apparatus of the entire parade.
- Chief Draiss needs to send an engine to Firefighter I class on the 4th and 7th of November. A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Keenan to send an engine to the fire training center on the 4th and 7th of November for the Firefighter I class. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Draiss advised the board that 203 is fixed. New exhaust.
- Chief Draiss would like to order up to six sets of gear. He will get prices for next meeting.

Commissioner Besser thanked the members for their hard work to clean the trucks for the county parade and fire prevention.

Commissioner Keenan would like to declare the snow tires from the suburban surplus and accept bids at next month's meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Keenan and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to declare the snow tires from the suburban as surplus and accept bids for them at next month's meeting. Secretary will post in the bays.

Further Information from the Commissioners

None.

Information from the Treasurer/Secretary

Treasurer Miller advised the board that we had a very satisfactory worker's comp audit.

Treasurer Miller advised the board that she received the check from St Regis Falls from Commissioner Decker for the purchase of the 2008 Ford Expedition.

Secretary Keenan stated that Commissioner Election is in December and if anyone wants to run, she has the petition form available.

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Approved Expenditures

PenFlex	\$5200
Belly Flop (Fall Clean-up)	800
Belly Flop (Back Building Grounds)	1850
Belly Flop (Snow Removal)	?
Tires for Suburban	?
Tires for 6 wheeler	?

Public Discussion

Captain Kathy Gasperetti would like to request that the ladies be allowed to have wine at their Christmas party on December 15. A motion was made by Commissioner Keenan and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to allow the Ladies to have wine at their Christmas party on December 15. Unanimous approval(5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Bills Signed

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

Budget to Actual Report

Commissioner Besser advised the board that we received the budget to actual report from the Treasurer and it was reviewed.

Commissioner Besser advised the board the he will not be running for Commissioner this year.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Keenan
Secretary