

**ORCHARD PARK BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on January 13, 2009 at 8:00 PM in the Board Room of the Orchard Park Fire Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Szewc.

Roll Call:

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| Chairman: | William G. Szewc | Dist. Chief: | Dan Neaverth Jr. |
| Commissioner: | Robert Glace | Treasurer: | Deborah Rogers |
| Commissioner: | Jerry Davern | Attorney: | Michael Chelus |
| Commissioner: | Robert Eiskant | Secretary: | Roberta Buczkowski |
| Commissioner: | Robert Simpson | EMS: | Tony Balaster/ Jackie Rupert |

Fire Company Officers Present:

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| Orchard Park Chief: | Guy Carey |
| Windom Chief: | Dave Roessler |
| Hillcrest Chief: | Reid Holmes |

Others Present:

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| Tony Scoliese, Orchard Park | Tim Gibbons |
| Jack Putnam, Orchard Park | Andy Giest, Hillcrest |
| Christina Landy, Windom | Bob Baun, Windom |
| Dennis Bosley, Orchard Park | William Mounstevan, Windom |
| Dave Stromecki | Ray Stromecki, Orchard Park |
| Howard Hoffman, Windom | Pat Landy, Windom |
| Tom Held, Windom | John Wittmann, Hillcrest |

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern that the minutes of the December 2008 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Action on Same:

1. Letter from Amato Fox & Company re: solicitation for district audit. Basket
2. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: removal of Lee Emminger. File
3. Annual report from the Ethics Committee. Filed.
4. Navigator '09 Emergency Dispatch Conference information. Basket.
5. Letter from Old Republic re: Contract Inquiry Status. Given to Attorney Chelus.
6. Letter from Phoenix Tech re: two quotes for maintenance of district computer software. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant for Phoenix Tech to maintain software for 2009. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace for Phoenix Tech to maintain firewall software for district computers. Both motions carried.
7. Return to duty for Tim Gibbons. Filed

8. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: status change for Paul Bodden from life member to active status. Letter filed
9. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: status change for Robert Benning from life member to active status. Letter filed.
10. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: resignation of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
11. Letter from Worker's Compensation Board re: Lindsey Lobur. Filed.
12. Letter from ECFDOA re: next meeting at Central on January, 21st at 7pm. Basket
13. Letter from town of Orchard Park Building Inspector's office re: notification of fires involving structural damage or chimneys. Notification is required by the New York State Fire Code. Filed.
14. The installation banquet for the ECFDOA will be held on March 14th 2009. Basket.
15. Letter from Capriotto Auto Parts re: NYS Bid Account. Given to Treasurer Rogers,
16. Selective Insurance re: loss on 12-31-08. Filed.
17. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: use of hall on 4-19-09. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Simpson regarding same. Motion carried.
18. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: change of address for Robert Riley. Taken care of at December 085 meeting.
19. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: removal of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
20. Thank you letter and resignation from OP firefighter Mark Gorski. Filed.
21. Return to duty for Ron Durcholz. Filed.
22. Letter from AFDSNY re: Fire Commissioner Training. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to spent \$175.00 on training if needed. Motion carried.
23. Letter from State Insurance Fund re: Ron Durcholz. Filed.
24. Worker's Comp Adviser. Basket.
25. VFIS newsletter. Basket.
26. Worker's Compensation notice of decision re: Lee Emminger. Filed.
27. Referendum Approval Certification. Filed.

Treasurer's Report:

There are no transfers needed this month.

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

District Dan Neaverth Jr.:

1. Monthly and yearly reports read.
2. January 19th the MACC will start receiving ambulances again. Would like to meet with all EMS officers next Monday at 7pm at Central with representative from MACC.
3. The annual HazMat refresher course will be on February 9th and will be a district drill.
4. The District will pay the difference between what the county will pay and what ECC charges for courses after proof is received of passing.
5. Question regarding the District Chief's vehicle going out of state for bids.
6. The work session will be on January 21st at 7pm.
7. The aerial test report to Chief Carey.

Orchard Park Chief, Guy Carey:

1. Question as to whether Robert Benning and Paul Bodden need physicals to return to active duty from life member. According to Commissioner Szewc that is correct.
2. Would like to speak with OP 10 after the regular meeting regarding County pagers.
3. Orchard Park will be out of service on Saturday, January 17th for installation dinner.

Windom Chief, Dave Roessler:

No report

Hillcrest Chief, Reid Holmes:

1. There are some problems with the lights and generator in the back of Hillcrest hall.

District Training Officer, William G. Szewc:

1. There will be a meeting with the training officers at Windom on Thursday, January 15th at 7pm.
2. The new tower is completed at Cheektowaga. Will find out what will happen to the old ones.

District EMS Officer, Tony Balaster/Jackie Rupert

1. There were a few more C numbers on the digital pagers. Trying to get rid of this third step.
2. There is a new CPR class coming up. Will not be doing as many this year.
3. The OBGYN class will be tomorrow, Wednesday, January 14th at 6pm.
4. The Narcotics license project that has been going on for the last year is finally coming to an end. Should be not problem with getting it back.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:

*****Orchard Park*****

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to remove Mark Gorski from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

*****Hillcrest*****

None

*****Windom*****

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Simpson to remove Brian Voigt from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Glace:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davern to purchase a glass enclosed bulletin board not to exceed \$385.00. Motion carried.
2. All have signed the cell phone agreement.
3. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Simpson to reflect the acceptance of firefighter Newell to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Commissioner Davern:

No report

Commissioner Eiskant:

No report

Commissioner Simpson:

No report

Commissioner Szewc:

1. The dates for the physicals are February 7, 11 & 12th.

Attorney Chelus:

No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Firefighter Tony Scoliese ask where the arson report was for an applicant waiting since July. Commissioner Szewc will check into it and try to find out the problem. Former Commissioner John Leach thanked the board and all the chiefs for the last five years. Firefighter Tony Scoliese had questions on his status of 9-2 and not being approved by the Board. Attorney Chelus sited the minutes of the September 2006 meeting regarding resolution that all firefighters running for office of captains and above must have an active EMT card to hold those offices. Attorney Chelus also cited section 176 of the town law. Per the Board, Orchard Park Fire Company must hold another election before the February board meeting and bring the results to that meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dave Stromecki from Brown and Stromecki Insurance stated there needs to be driver license checks with DMV for verification. Will be at the work session to explain more.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:

There are no bills to pay

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business to come before this Board, motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Robert C. Henning Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary