

**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 12, 2010 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:

Chairman:	William G. Szewc	Dist. Chief:	Dan Neaverth Jr.
Commissioner:	Robert Glace	Treasurer:	Deborah Rogers
		Attorney:	Michael Chelus
Commissioner:	Robert Eiskant	Secretary:	Roberta Buczkowski
Commissioner:	Robert Simpson	EMS:	Tony Balaster
		Training:	William Hanrahan

Fire Company Officers Present:

Orchard Park Chief:	Joe Jensen
Windom Chief:	Bob Baun
Hillcrest Chief:	Ernie Matthews

Others Present:

Peter Slotman, Hillcrest	Howard Hoffman, Windom
Rich Mrugalski, Orchard Park	John Wittmann, Hillcrest
Nicholas Lobur, Windom	Tim Gibbons, Orchard Park
John Green, Windom	Dave Roessler Windom

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Glace that the minutes of the December 2009 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Glace that the minutes of the Organizational meeting of January 2010 be approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Action on Same:

1. Letter from VFIS re claim for firefighter. Filed
2. Town of Orchard Park Planning Department, minutes of October 14, 2009 minutes. Filed.
3. Town of Orchard Park Planning Department, minutes of November 10, 2009 minutes. Filed.
4. Town of Orchard Park Planning Department, agenda for January 13, 2010 minutes. Filed.
5. Attorney Chelus letter to EMS Inc. tenant, Anthony Grisanti re: rent. Filed.
6. Letter from George Paul re: running for Director of the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York. Basket.
7. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: new member. See new memberships.
8. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of hall January 5 & 16, 2010. Filed.
9. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: removal of member. See new memberships and removals.
10. Fire District Affairs. Filed
11. Letter from Hillcrest re: out of service for firefighter. Filed.

12. Letter from Hillcrest re: out of service for firefighter. Filed.
13. Letter from Hillcrest re: out of service for firefighter. Filed.
14. Notice from Erie County Fire District Officers re: next meeting January 20th. Basket
15. Letter from Worker's Compensation re: C-2 form needed for firefighter. Per Treasurer Rogers, Brown and Stromecki is handling.
16. Notice from Erie County Fire District Officers Association re: Installation dinner March 13th. Basket.
17. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: out of service for installation dinner. Filed.
18. Out of service notice for Chris Guenther. Filed.

Treasurer's Report:

The following transfers are needed:

\$278500.00 from building reserve to buildings.

The monthly cash flow report is attached to the file copy.

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

District Dan Neaverth Jr.:

1. Monthly and yearly reports read. Attached to file copy.
2. The escape ropes will be integrated into the packs this week. There will be follow up training but a note of caution. The packs can't be "played" with. NYS law states that the fire companies can't repack after deployment and while there is no charge to repack it will be out of service until completed. Will have training packs.
3. With regards to the re-districting, CPS (Central Police Service) has had street numbers already but not in the 911 system yet. The purpose is to change the disproportionate number of calls between OP, Windom and Hillcrest.
4. The work session will be on January 19th at 7. The Chief and Assistant Chief from Scranton will be there for a meet and greet. Newton Abbott could not make that meeting but will be at another one.
5. Firefighter Survival at Central on February 5 & 6th.
6. Asking the Chiefs to begin to prepare their small equipment requests, which will begin late February or early March. A reminder to have the model numbers and cost of each piece.
7. The chiefs' helmets are here. Shields have been ordered.
8. The finishing touches are being done for the policies and procedures for EMS Inc.
9. Just a reminder of the policies for battery replacement.
10. Ladder truck inspections will begin on Monday.

Windom Chief, Bob Baun:

No report

Orchard Park Chief, Joe Jensen:

1. Orchard Park Fire Company has a treadmill and an exercise equipment to donate to EMS Inc.

Hillcrest Chief, Ernie Matthews:

No report

District Training Officer, William Hanrahan:

1. Intro to fire officer class will be held at Scranton starting January 19th on Tuesday and Thursdays.
2. There are two houses to burn, one small one that will be used for new firefighters and one large. Dates to be determined later.

District EMS Officer, Tony Balaster

1. Vickie and Jerry Knavel have requested to go to Montour Falls for the yearly EMS Convention. Will have dates and other information soon.
2. Will have the schedule for the Rapid Recertification and other classes ready for the work session. Each course will be given only one time during the year.
3. Brand new cooler has been donated to EMS Inc. by ECMC.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:

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

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to remove Aaron Testerman from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Glace to accept James Holt to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

*****Hillcrest*****

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Glace to accept Roland Pigeon to the district rolls. Motion carried.

*****Windom*****

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Glace:

1. The new phones have been ordered.

Commissioner Eiskant:

1. Attended Erie County Commissioners meeting at Sheridan Park. There were questions on how EMS Inc. is going.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Glace to send Commissioner Davern to Commissioner School at the tower. Motion carried.

Commissioner Simpson:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to purchase new pumper for Windom from Ferrara for \$497870.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner Szewc:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Szewc (Commissioner Simpson assumed Chairman seat during this vote) to send Treasurer Rogers to the Government Accounting class in East Aurora for \$85.00 plus lost wages. Motion carried. Commissioner Szewc resumed Chairman seat.

Attorney Chelus:

1. State Law has changed with reference to public works amounts now over \$3500.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:

There were no bills presented

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business to come before this Board, motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary