

**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 11, 2011 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	.	
Commissioner:	Robert Simpson	Treasurer:	Deborah Rogers
Commissioner:	Jerry Davern	Attorney:	Michael Chelus
Commissioner:	Robert Eiskant	Secretary:	Roberta Buczkowski
Commissioner:	Gregory Galloway	EMS:	Tony Balester

**Fire Company Officers Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Peter Slotman, Hillcrest	Dave Roessler, Windom
David Stromecki, Brown & Stromecki Insurance	David Eiskant, Windom
Ray Stromecki, Brown & Stromecki Insurance	Howard Hoffman, Windom
Jaclyn Rupert, Windom	Mike Ambroski, Windom
Tony Paolini, Windom	Doug Wolf, Hillcrest
Jack Putnam, Orchard Park	Alan Barager, Orchard Park

**Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:**

Motion made by Commissioner Davern, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant that the minutes of the December 2010 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**Communications and Action on Same:**

1. Board of Fire commissioner Ethics Committee Annual Report. Filed.
2. Fire District Affairs. Filed
3. Notice of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fire Department Law & Management conference, April 13, 2011. Basket.
4. VFIS Newsletter. Basket.
5. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company regarding use of hall 1-4 & 1-15.
6. Resignation OPFC Firefighter. See new memberships and removals
7. Resignation of OPFC Firefighter. See new memberships and removals
8. Life member status of OPFC Firefighter. See new memberships and removals
9. Fire District Commissioner Training. Information given to Commissioner Galloway
10. Installation Dinner, Erie County Fire District Officers Association – Basket
11. Certificate of Insurance for Hamburg Overhead Door and D & H. Paving. Filed
12. Town of Orchard Park Planning Department agenda for 1-12-11 meeting. Filed

13. Windom Fire Company re: use of hall 3-5 & 4-24. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern regarding same. Motion carried.
14. Worker's Comp Advisor. Basket
15. Windom Fire Company re: use of hall 5-8-11. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davern regarding same. Motion carried.
16. Windom Fire Company re: resignation of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
17. River Rescue & Emergency Services & Volunteer Relief Association re: Water rescue and Emergency Response Training Workshop March 18<sup>th</sup> – 20, 2011. Basket.
18. Hillcrest Fire Company re: out of service for Installation Brunch 1-29-2011. Filed
19. Foil request from Rural Metro. Attorney Chelus to handle.
20. The Board of Fire Commissioners will meet in executive session with the Orchard Park Town Board on 1-19-2011 at 7pm. The meeting will be at EMS Inc.

**Treasurer's Report:**

There is no Treasurer's Report

**District Dan Neaverth Jr.: (by Chairman Szewc)**

1. Monthly reports read. Attached to file copy.

**District EMS Officer, Tony Balester**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to send Vicki Knavel, Jerry Knavel and Frank Bermel to EMS conference at Montour Falls March 5-6 2011 for \$420.00 plus travel expenses. Motion carried.
2. Rescue reports attached to file copy.

**Orchard Park Chief, Joe Jensen:**

1. Potential firefighter Lavine has withdrawn application due to out of town collage.
2. Another resignation of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
3. Orchard Park will be out of service January 15<sup>th</sup> for installation dinner.

**Windom Chief, Bob Baun:**

1. The Boy Scout troop that met on Tuesdays at Windom has disbanded all gear related to troop has been removed from Windom Hall.

**Hillcrest Chief, Ernie Matthews:**

1. Recently purchased a training mannequin which can be difribulated and two gas meters.

**Training:**

1. District drills will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.
2. Will be planning a multi-day drill for September.
3. January and February district drills will be here. March will be at Cheektowaga training tower, will be the bale-out training and the maze. April May & June will be at Chestnut Ridge.
4. Will need to meet with company training officers so that everyone knows what drills we are doing and what Saturdays are available so that we have a schedule for the district out there. Will be discussed more at the work session.

## **NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:**

### **\*\*\*Orchard Park\*\*\***

Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davern to remove Tom Callaghan from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davern to remove John Gibbons from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davern to remove Steve Skywark from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davern to remove Ed Kurcz from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Michael Powell to the District rolls. Motion carried.

### **\*\*\*Hillcrest\*\*\***

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Galloway to accept Cody Nichols to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

### **\*\*\*Windom\*\*\***

Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davern to remove Jennifer Pajak from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Simpson to accept Ben Atkins to the District rolls. Motion carried

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

### **Commissioner Galloway:**

No report

### **Commissioner Davern:**

No report

### **Commissioner Eiskant:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to continue the exclusion for the various percentages on the agencies that are overtaxing that was listed last year. Motion carried.

### **Commissioner Simpson:**

1. Met today with Commissioner Szewc and Commissioner Galloway regarding a possible expansion of Hillcrest hall.
2. Have a question regarding FDIC. Have the reservation been made. Per Chairman Szewc not all of them. We will need a motion next month.

### **Commissioner Szewc:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson seconded by Commissioner Davern for Commissioner Galloway to attend the earliest local Commissioner Training as per NYS Law for \$125 plus expenses.
2. The State of NY has changed the policy and procedures on bail-out and bail-out training. Does not know what changes have been made but will attend classes next week to find out.

**Attorney Chelus:**

1. Just a reminder that the Commissioner training has to be done within an 180 days. And to sign in with the Town clerk.
2. With regards to the FOIL Request from Rural Metro, the secretary has written the required letter within five days to acknowledge receipt of request.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Putnam from OPFC with a reminder that Orchard Park will host the Communion Breakfast the third Sunday in May.

Would like a copy of the board's by-laws.

Would like to know the Board's concerns regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> assistant Chief's positions at Windom and Hillcrest. Per Commissioner Szewc this has been stated at the earlier meeting (organizational meeting). The minutes are posted on the District Web site for all to see. Polices of the District are in the company share folder on the District Computer system.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

None

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:**

There are no bills to present

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

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

Meeting adjourned 8:36 PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary