

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on November 11, 2008 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:	John Leach	Treasurer:	Deborah Rogers
Commissioner:	Jerry Davern	Attorney:	Michael Chelus
Commissioner:	Robert Glace	Secretary:	Roberta Buczkowski
Commissioner:	Robert Eiskant	EMS:	Tony Balaster

**Fire Company Officers Present:**

Orchard Park 1 <sup>st</sup> . Assist Chief:	Guy Carey
Windom Chief:	Dave Roessler
Hillcrest Chief:	Reid Holmes

**Others Present:**

Matt Cavanagh, Orchard Park	Tim Gibbons, Orchard Park
Chad Gill, Orchard Park	Slawomir Glowczynski, Orchard Park
Tony Scolese, Orchard Park	Thomas Callaghan, Orchard Park
Andrew Coppola, Orchard Park	James Putnam, Orchard Park
Bob Baun, Windom	William Mounstevan, Windom
Dave Stromecki	Aaron Martin, Orchard Park
Richard Galas, Orchard Park	Courtney Brand, Hillcrest
Ed Kurecz, Orchard Park	Jim Slomanski, Orchard Park
Kevin Galas, Orchard Park	Robert Germano, Orchard Park
Paul Scolese, Orchard Park	Pat Landy, Windom
Bob Benning, Orchard Park	Chris Couell, Orchard Park

**Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:**

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

**Communications and Action on Same:**

1. Medical clearance for Lindsey Lobur. Filed
2. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: resignation of Jennifer Garra. See new memberships and removals.
3. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: 2009 Line officers.
4. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of hall 11-16-2008.
5. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: 2009 firematic officers.
6. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: 2009 ballot of officers.

7. Certificate of Insurance for Slotman Plumbing.
8. New York State Insurance Fund re: cancellation of Worker's Compensation Insurance.
9. Certificate of Insurance for Delmar Electric.
10. Letter from Glatfelter Insurance re: Accident and Sickness Coverage.
11. Letter from Town of Orchard Park Building Inspector re: use of fire inspectors. Copies made for chiefs.
12. Town of Orchard Park Planning Department agenda for 11-12-08 meeting.
13. Letter from Air Cleaning System re: checklist.
14. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: use of hall on 11-16-2008.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The following transfers are needed:

1. From Building Reserve \$7267.00 to:
  - A. Building Maintenance, \$7066.00
  - B. Maintenance supplies, \$201.00
2. From Apparatus Reserve, \$308,102.00 to:  
Purchase of apparatus.

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

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

**District Dan Neaverth Jr.:**

1. Monthly reports read.
2. The required repairs to OP 6 will be on Monday.
3. Need a check for the fire prevention trailer.
4. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach to spend \$6000.00 on the fire safety vest that will be mandatory the first of 2009. Cost is based on research done by OP10. Motion carried.
5. The next work session will be November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Windom Chief, Dave Roessler:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by commissioner Glace to send 8 from Windom to the EMS Conference in Montour Falls March 7 & 8, 2009 at a cost of \$120.00 plus travel for each. Motion carried.
2. The Bills play Monday night at home. All from the District are welcome to standby at Windom Hall.

**Hillcrest Chief, Reid Holmes:**

1. The frequencies for Armor, Rural Metro, Town of Orchard Park Highway and West Falls need to be installed in Hillcrest Apparatus. OP 10 will check on this.

**Orchard Park 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief, Guy Carey:**

1. OP 8 also needs Rural Metro Frequency installed.

**District Training Officer, William G. Szewc:**

1. With the approach of the end of the year the ice rescue drill needs to be done again. Will be the last Monday this month.
2. The rope rescue also needs to be done again.

**District EMS Officer, Tony Balaster:**

1. The PCR's are a little better. Have brought a couple to go over with the companies who's firefighters filled out.

**NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:**

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

Motion made by Commissioner Leach, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Brittany Balaster to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

**\*\*\*Hillcrest\*\*\***

None

**\*\*\*Windom\*\*\***

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach to remove Jennifer Garra from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

**Commissioner Davern:**

No report

**Commissioner Glace:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Leach to help the Orchard Park Fire Company purchase new tables by paying \$1000.00 towards said purchase. Motion carried.
2. Everything is ordered to complete repairs etc. on the new OP8. Will go to Livonia next week. After returning to OP then Hillcrest 8 will go. Also gold leafing will be done on trucks between the lettering and the painting.

**Commissioner Leach:**

No report

**Commissioner Eiskant:**

No report

**Commissioner Szewc:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach to raise secretary's salary by \$500.00 for 2009. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Leach to purchase steel rims with snow tires for new ambulances from Preschel Brothers for \$3640. Motion carried.  
Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach to go to Executive Session. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:22 pm.

As no action was taken by the Board, motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach to return to regular meeting. Regular meeting resumed at 8:31pm.

3. Passed OP Bee around to show the picture of a Hillcrest firefighter demonstrating how to extinguish a fire. No turnout gear was worn.

**Attorney Chelus:**

No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Per Chairman Szewc if batteries are needed for radios then old ones have to be turned in for recycling before new ones are given.

Motion made by Commissioner Davern, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to pay election tellers \$40.00. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Kevin Galas from Orchard Park Fire Company raised questions regarding the increase of percentage of calls made to 15% effective January 1, 2009. Much discussion followed and Commissioner Glace suggested that the companies have representatives get together to form some other proposals with regard to this issue and bring them to the work session on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Commissioner Davern, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to table the 15%. Chairman Szewc exercised his right as Chairman to have the 15% stand to be put in place January 1, 2009.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern that the bills be paid as presented for a total of \$354,823.01. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

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

Meeting adjourned 9:30PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary