

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on December 9, 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 Chief:	Mike Carey
Windom Chief:	Dave Roessler
Hillcrest Chief:	Reid Holmes

Others Present:

Tony Scoliese, Orchard Park	Tom Held, Windom
Christina Landy, Windom	Pat Landy, Windom
John Wittman, Hillcrest	Howard Hoffman, Windom
Pat Leach	Brett Landsman, Hillcrest
Matt Cavanaugh, Orchard Park	William Mounstevan, Windom

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:

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

Communications and Action on Same:

1. New York State Archives re: grant applications. Basket
2. Town of Orchard Park Planning Department minutes of the October 8, 2008 meeting. Filed.
3. Town of Orchard Park Planning Department agenda for December 10, 2008 meeting. Filed.
4. Town of Orchard Park Town Clerk re: proposed street name of Evergreen Trail. Name is fine with the board and chiefs. Filed.
5. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of central hall on 12-9, 21-11, 12-1, 12-14 and 12-15-2008. Filed.
6. Erie County Fire District Affairs Association re: next meeting will be on 12-17-2008 at the North Evans Fire Hall. Basket.
7. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company firefighter Dennis Pickard. Filed.
8. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: Firematic Officers list for 2009. Filed.
9. Letter from Andre C. Lo Tempio Esq. Re: Orchard Park Firefighter. Letter given to Attorney Chelus.

10. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: acceptance of new member. See new memberships and removals.
11. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: change of address for firefighter Robert Riley. Filed.
12. Letter from Southtowns HazMat re: acceptance of Robert Riley. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Leach regarding same. Motion carried.
13. Medical slip for Lindsey Lobur. Filed.

Treasurer's Report:

The following transfers are needed:

\$314.00 from office supplies to personal services
\$662.00 from small equipment repairs to maintenance of radios
\$4768.00 from building reserve to building maintenance repairs
\$607.00 from building reserve to maintenance supplies
\$5713.00 from apparatus reserve to purchase of apparatus

The cut off date for invoices will be December 23, 2008

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 above mentioned transfers. Motion carried.

District Dan Neaverth Jr.(given by Chairman Szewc)

1. Monthly reports read
2. Safety vests are in.
3. OP7 needs rear springs.
4. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Leach for Orchard Park 9-2 to attend Fire Instructor I Course at State Fire Academy for \$300.00. Motion carried.
5. OP 6 work is complete on the ladder. Certification stickers are on the way.
6. Some questions on EMT test. There will be January tests. The state did extend the contract for four months.
7. Hillcrest needs to complete the report on the Chestnut Ridge Road fire.
8. No work session for December.

Windom Chief, Dave Roessler:

1. Windom's Christmas party will be Saturday, December 13yh.

Hillcrest Chief, Reid Holmes:

1. Hillcrest Christmas party will be Thursday, December 18th at 8:30am.
2. Would like clarification on the policy regarding EMS only riding on fire apparatus. Board will get back next meeting.

Orchard Park Chief, Mike Carey:

1. Reminder to the secretary to remove name from email list.
2. Orchard Park's Christmas party will be on December 15th at 8pm.
3. Radio work is needed at the North Station.
4. Thank you to everyone for past three years.

District Training Officer, William G. Szewc:

1. Training is just about done for the year.
2. There will be an emergency vehicles operator's class in January at Brighton.

District EMS Officer, Tony Balaster

1. Met with chiefs, OP10 and police dispatchers re: the digital pagers.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach to accept Tyler Jensen to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Leach, seconded by Commissioner Glace to accept Matthew Roma to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

*****Hillcrest*****

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Leach to remove Joseph Gallagher from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

*****Windom*****

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Leach to accept Scott Courteau to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Leach, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to accept the change of address for Robert Riley.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Davern:

1. TruGreen will be doing the lawn maintenance for the next two years with no increase in cost.
2. The boilers at Windom have been inspected.

Commissioner Eiskant:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to purchase twelve (12) Garmin GPS systems with a cost not to exceed \$160.00 each. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to rescind the previous motion on the 15% requirement. Motion carried.

3. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to make the requirement 10% with a spokesperson from each company reporting to the Board once a month. Motion carried.

Commissioner Leach:

No report

Commissioner Szewc:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to upgrade the district computers for \$1725.00 motion carried.
2. As of January 1st there will be a law with respect to the requirement of the bale-out ropes.

Commissioner Glace:

1. The offices at Hillcrest are done.
2. Hamburg Overhead Door has been contacted to check on the bay doors at Central.
3. H8 will have exhaust modifications.
4. All chargers have been replaced at OP Central.
5. Bathrooms at Windom are slated to be redone soon.

Attorney Chelus:

1. Through negotiations with regards to the Danforth Lawsuit, they have agreed to drop their lawsuit. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to authorize the Chairman to sign the necessary paperwork to rescind the District's lawsuit with Danforth. Motion carried.
2. With regards to Probe Investigations and the June 2005 incident at Bally's Fitness, the standard report is all the District is required to send. Secretary to send letter regarding this issue.
3. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach to hold the Organizational meeting for 2009 on January 13, 2009 at 7pm. Motion carried.
4. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach to advertise the Organizational meeting in the OP Bee. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Leach, seconded by Commissioner Davern to go to executive session. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:40 pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Leach, seconded by Commissioner Glace to resume regular meeting. Motion carried. Meeting resumed at 8:47 pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Leach to remove Joseph Gallagher from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Chief Carey expressed his disappointment with the way things were handled with respect to the 10%

PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach, that the bills be paid as presented for a total of \$72116.50. 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 8:55PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary