

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on February 11, 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:

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

Fire Company Officers Present:

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

Others Present:

Thomas Callaghan	Tim Gibbons, Orchard Park
Andy Giest, Hillcrest	Howard Hoffman, Windom
Tom Held, Windom	John Leach, Orchard Park
Slavic Gl	Robert Cullio
Bob Benning, Orchard Park	Joe Wertman
John Wittmann, Hillcrest	Rob Germano, Orchard Park

Memorial Resolution:

Memorial Resolution for Firefighter Robert Henning read and made part of these minutes.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:

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

Communications and Action on Same:

1. Doctor note for Lindsey Lobur. Filed
2. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company Chief Carey regarding appointing Firefighter Tim Gibbons for Rescue Lt. of OP 8 for remainder of 2009. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace regarding the same. Motion carried.
3. Letter from Orchard Brooke Living Center re: oxygen use patients. Letter given to OP Chief.
4. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of hall 3-7-09. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern regarding the same. Motion carried
5. Letter from Orchard Park Nominating Committee regarding the process by which candidates are chosen to run for office. Filed

6. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of hall 2-22-2009. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern regarding the same. Motion carried.
7. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: removal of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
8. Letter from Town of Orchard Park Planning Department re: Agenda for 2-11-2009 meeting. Filed
9. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: election of Richard Mrugalski for OP 2nd Assistant Chief. Filed.
10. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of hall 2-6-09. No action needed. Filed
11. Fire District Affairs. Filed.
12. Workers Comp Advisor. Basket.
13. Old Republic Insurance re: contract inquiry status filed.
14. Certificate of Insurance. Filed.
15. Letter from Hillcrest re: back in service for Al Marino.
16. Letter from Shanor Electric regarding purchase orders.
17. Letter from Firefighter Crewson re: leave of absence. Filed.
18. Thank you card from Doreen Henning.

Treasurer's Report:

No transfers are needed:

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

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

District Dan Neaverth Jr.:

1. Monthly reports read. Attached to file copy.
2. PCR's need to be in by the 1st week of each month.
3. With regards to CDL licenses, drivers are exempt from having CDL licenses while going to an emergency situation but not driving back.
4. Former OP firefighter still has some gear. OP Chief will go talk to.
5. Work session will be on Monday, February 23rd at 6pm.

Orchard Park Chief, Guy Carey:

1. Would like to speak to Commissioners after the regular meeting.
2. Ice Rescue drill at 8pm on the 21st.

Windom Chief, Dave Roessler:

1. Windom installation dinner will be February 21st.

Hillcrest Chief, Reid Holmes:

No report

District Training Officer, William G. Szewc:

1. When there are drills and training classes going on the participants must be on time and stop talking during the classes etc. It is very rude.
2. Will be meeting with the Chiefs to set up the firefighter survival class at the new tower in Cheektowaga. Will probably be over a weekend.

District EMS Officer, Tony Balaster:

1. The next CPR course will begin on 2-19-2009 at pm
2. Will be putting together for the EMS Drills
3. March 18 & 19th will be the renewal for the P.A.L.S. class.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:

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

Motion made by Commissioner Davern, seconded by Commissioner Glace to add Robert Benning and Paul Bodden back to the active rolls for the District. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Christopher Powers to the District rolls. Motion carried.

*****Hillcrest*****

Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, Seconded by Commissioner Glace to remove William Henschel from the District rolls. Motion carried.

*****Windom*****

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Glace:

1. The striping for H8 will be added this week.

Commissioner Davern:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Davern, seconded b Commissioner Simpson to advertise for the lawn maintenance for 2009. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eiskant:

No report

Commissioner Simpson:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace to advertise for the Audit. Bids to be opened in May. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace to pay \$25000.00 for the life insurance.

Commissioner Szewc:

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to go into executive session. Executive session began at 8:30

Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace to return to regular meeting. Motion carried. Back to regular meeting 8:45pm. No action taken by Board.

Attorney Chelus:

1. With reference to the NYS Dept of Motor Vehicles with regards to license checks the state does not charge fire district for information. Also the state provides an updated list, with the district only having to input the initial information once. Does not see any down side to this, as there is no infringement on firefighter's rights. OK with the board to proceed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Firefighter Tom Callahan handed out the EMS Staffing Proposal. Attached to file copy.

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 \$99,839.11. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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

Meeting adjourned 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary