

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on March 10, 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:	Jerry Davern		
Commissioner:	Robert Eiskant	Secretary:	Roberta Buczkowski
Commissioner:	Robert Simpson		

**Fire Company Officers Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Pat Landy, Windom	Kristina Landy, Windom
Tom Held, Windom	John Leach, Orchard Park
Bob Baun, Windom	Tony Scoliese, Orchard Park
Tom Callaghan, Orchard Park	Jim Smolinski, Orchard Park
Andy Geist, Hillcrest	Alan Barringer, Orchard Park
Howard Hoffman, Windom	William Mounstevan, Windom

\*\*\*It is so noted that Treasurer Rogers and Commissioner Glace were in attendance at the required training in East Aurora. \*\*\*

**Memorial Resolution:**

Memorial Resolution for Firefighter Joseph Metz read and made part of these minutes

**Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:**

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

**Communications and Action on Same:**

1. Memorial Resolution for Joseph Metz read.
2. Letter from VFIS re: benefits for firefighter Emminger. Filed
3. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of hall 3-12-2009. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Simpson regarding same. Motion carried.
4. Letter from Attorney Michael Chelus re: Certification of vote for resolution. Filed.
5. Letter from ECOLAB re: service report. Filed.
6. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: acceptance of Michael Brooks and Jonathon Thurston. See new memberships and removals.

7. Letter from Town of Orchard Park, Planning Department, Planning Board Agenda for 3-11-2009. Filed.
8. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: acceptance of Tyler Caniston. See new memberships and removals.
9. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: opposition to the mandatory squads. Filed.
10. Certificate of Insurance for Northeast Mechanical Inc. Filed
11. Certificate of Insurance for Norcrete Construction. Filed.
12. Notice from Association of Fire Districts of State of New York re: Annual Meeting. Basket.
13. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: removal of Scott Farr. See new memberships and removals.
14. Letter from NYS Safety Group 497 re: Worker's Compensation packets. Given to the Chairman for distribution.
15. Letter from NYS Safety Group 497 re: enforcement of requirement to file form C-2 for workers comp. Given to Chairman.
16. Notice from Erie County Fire District Officers Association re: next meeting 3-18-2009. Basket.

**Treasurer's Report: (Given by Deputy Treasurer Buczkowski)**

The following transfers are needed:

The 2008 Annual Report has been completed and handed out.

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

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

**District Chief, Dan Neaverth Jr.:**

1. Monthly reports read. Attached to file copy.
2. The policy regarding safety vests will be handed out tomorrow.
3. Will be pursuing the 2009 grant for firefighter radios.
4. The next work session will be on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Orchard Park Chief, Guy Carey:**

1. Orchard Park's small equipment budget has been given to OP10.

**Windom Chief, Dave Roessler:**

1. Windom's snow blower needs repair.

**Hillcrest Chief, Reid Holmes:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to send 2 from Hillcrest to Montour Falls for the Rope Rescue for 4 days in May for a cost of \$210 per. Motion carried.
2. Thanks to the Board for the use of Central for funeral.

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

1. Tentative date for training at the new tower will be last Monday in April.
2. April 17<sup>th</sup> there will be an open house at the new facility in Cheektowaga.

## **NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:**

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

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Albert Chastain to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Julia Melski to the District Rolls for EMS only. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Jonathan Thurston to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Michael Brooks to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

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

None

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

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Simpson to remove Scott Farr from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

### **Commissioner Glace: (Given by Commissioner Simpson)**

1. The doors for OP 7 have been ordered.
2. Question regarding the return of keys and pager from former firefighter Lee Emminger. Per Chief Carey, just a matter of getting them.

### **Commissioner Davern:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Davern, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant for the District to pay ½ of the \$2660.00 to fix the ice machine at Central. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Davern, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to award the lawn maintenance bid to Jensen Lawn Care for \$3281.00. Motion carried.
3. The snow blower is to be repaired.
4. The firefighters at Hillcrest need to leave the power panel alone.

### **Commissioner Eiskant:**

1. Just a reminder that the physicals are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Commissioner Simpson:**

No report

**Commissioner Szewc:**

1. The per diem rate for FDIC is \$44.00 per day. Motion to send 7 to school April 19<sup>th</sup> was made in the fall of 08.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Firefighter Tom Callaghan handed out the finished report for the EMS Staffing to the Board.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern that the bills be paid as presented for a total of \$194,618.03. Motion carried.

**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.

A moment of Silence was observed for the passing of firefighter Joseph Metz.

Meeting adjourned 8:26 PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary