

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on April 14, 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:

Tom Held, Windom	Chad Gill, Orchard Park
Bob Baun, Windom	William Mounstevan, Windom
Tony Scoliese, Orchard Park	Peter Slotman, Hillcrest
Tim Gibbons, Orchard Park	Rob Germano, Orchard Park
Howard Hoffmann, Windom	Tom Callaghan, Orchard Park

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:

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

Communications and Action on Same:

1. Fire District Affairs. Filed
2. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: out of service for Kristie Gallagher. Filed
3. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of hall April 5 and 7, 2009. Filed
4. Worker's Comp Advisor. Basket
5. VFIS Newsletter. Basket
6. NYS Public Entities Safety Group 497 re: Enforcement to file for C-2.
7. Memo from Erie County Fire Chiefs re: thanks for the support
8. Thank you card from Doreen Henning
9. Certificate of Insurance for CMH Company. Filed
10. Certificate of Insurance for Norcrete Construction. Filed.
11. Town of Orchard Park, Planning Department minutes of the February 11th and March 11, 2009 minutes.
12. Town of Orchard Park, Planning Department agenda for the April 8, 2009 meeting.

13. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of hall 5-2, 5-9, and 5-17, 2009. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davern regarding same. Motion carried.
14. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: out of service for Hillcrest Fire Company from Saturday, May 2nd at 4pm until Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 9am.
15. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: removal of Firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
16. Letter from Town of Orchard Park, Town Clerk's office re: dedication of highways, Redbrick Road and Hearthstone Terrace.
17. Letter from Town of Orchard Park, Town Clerk's Office re: dedication of highways, Arrowood Drive and Basswood Lane.
18. Out of service slip for Lindsey Lobur
19. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: use of hall 5-16-2009. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace regarding same. Motion carried.
20. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: resignation of firefighter. Per Chairman Szewc this letter will be held until Board has a chance to review.

Treasurer's Report:

No transfers are needed this month.

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

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

District Dan Neaverth Jr.(Given by Chairman Szewc)

1. Monthly reports read. Attached to file copy.
2. Met with the Town of Orchard Park Engineer and coverage maps will be redrawn per work session agreement.
3. Working with Saia to get a 400mhz frequency. Have identified an agency willing to approve a letter of concurrence. This means we will be using their seldom used frequency and promise via Saia propagation info and tests that we won't interfere. Due to the distance from this agency this should not be an issue.
4. DiVal will be out for the 2009 SCBA maintenance on the following dates: 4/21, Orchard Park, 4/22, Windom, and 4/23 Hillcrest. They have been informed that a few packs will be at FDIC and arraignments will be made to check those packs at a later date.
5. The next work session will be on 4/28/2009 at 6:30pm. Needed by the work session is an accurate count from each company of interior firefighters. This means both physically and mentally, not just by certificated.
6. Will be purchasing escape ropes. They are expensive so the chief's need to be frugal in their assessment.
7. Have arranged to have Chief Dave Case of Clarence Center to be at the Communion Breakfast to give a presentation on the recent crash. A projector is needed.
8. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to purchase a 2009 Chevy Tahoe from Basil Ford for 33,671.53 per the bid. Motion carried.

Orchard Park Chief, Guy Carey:

1. Question on whether there are dates for the boot camp yet. Not yet.
2. Thank you to the Board for the payment of 1/2 of the cost of the new ice machine.

Windom Chief, Dave Roessler:

No report

Hillcrest Chief, Reid Holmes:

- 1. If there are 20 more firefighters interested then another boot camp can be arraigned.
- 2. The Communion Breakfast will be hosted by Hillcrest on 5/17/2009 at 8am.

District Training Officer, William G. Szewc:

- 1. Trying to get a FAST class set up. Need numbers from each company.
- 2. Erie County has been awarded a grant. This grant is being managed by the chiefs. Some of the money will go to training so if fifteen or more will sign up for the FAST classes then it can be paid for by this grant.
- 3. Need a list from each company for those who need FF1.

District EMS Officer, Tony Balaster:

- 1. There is a make up CPR class for Windom tomorrow. The Orchard Park Recreation Department will attend.
- 2. There is a Rural Metro meeting on 4/27. If this meeting does not go well then there will be a strike vote on 4/28.
- 3. EMS was in service 251 hours.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:

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

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to remove Kathleen Jackson from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to remove Jody Kasperek from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

*****Hillcrest*****

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Kaitlyn Matthews to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

*****Windom*****

None

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS

Commissioner Glace:

- 1. The air quality testing given to each Chief for posting at each hall.
- 2. Paperwork is done for the remodel at Windom
- 3. The project at Hillcrest is completed.
- 4. Letter needed to George Knaisch regarding ethics board.

Commissioner Davern:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Davern, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant for an increase of two (2) hours per week for the month of April only for the Orchard Park custodian. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eiskant:

1. At the 3/18 meeting of the Fire Officer's Association it was stated that all district gear must be secured in the Chief's Vehicles as well as the District Chief's personal vehicle. This was due to the fact that there were some allegations that it was un-secured items in the car that was the cause of the death of the Chief from Seneca Hose. Even though this was not the case the insurance companies have stated that this must be done as a safe guard.
2. The next mandatory training for new commissioners as well as re-elected commissioners will be on May 9, 2009.
3. Next meeting will be 6/17/2009 at River Road.
4. Per Chairman Szewc, there are about 225 bills pending in the state regarding the fire service. Anything to do with money is not going to pass. Would suggest that everyone take a look at the state web site.

Commissioner Simpson:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to pay the insurance renewal for \$46708.39. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace to update the under 21 firefighters on a monthly basis. Motion carried.
3. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace for emergency repairs to the parking lot at Central. Motion carried.
4. Letter is needed to Jason Putnam's employer stating he can respond to calls while at work.

Commissioner Szewc:

1. The last date for physicals will be 4/30/2009 from 5:30 to 9pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Resignation of Tom Callaghan from the EMS Committee.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant that the bills be paid as presented for a total of \$41,645.83. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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

Meeting adjourned 8:41 PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary