

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on May 11, 2010 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:	Joe Jensen
Windom Chief:	Bob Baun
Hillcrest Chief:	Ernie Matthews

**Others Present:**

Dennis Bosley, Orchard Park	Dave Roessler, Windom
Peter Slotman, Hillcrest	John Wittmann, Hillcrest
Pat Landy, Windom	Kris Landy, Windom
Tim Gibbons, Orchard Park	Dog Wolf, Hillcrest
Rich Mrugalski, Orchard Park	Howard Hoffman, Windom
Jack Putnam, Orchard Park	Tim Benstrad, EMS Inc
Bill Gorman, Gorman Emergency Vehicles	

**Bid Opening for Audit**

Commissioner Simpson opened the two bids for the audit of the Fire District

Bevilacqua	\$8400.00
Toski & Schaeffer	\$5000.00 to \$5700.00

Motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace to turn the bids over to Attorney Chelus. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:**

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

**Communications and Action on Same:**

1. Letters from Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of Hillcrest hall May 15, 30 & June 27, 2010. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant for all dates to be approved. Motion carried.
2. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: use of Windom 6-12-2010. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern regarding same. Motion carried.

3. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of hall 5-2 & 5-4-2010. Filed.
4. Certificate of Insurance for the Erie County Sheriffs. Filed.
5. Notice from Erie County District Officers Association re: next meeting on June 16, 2010. Basket
6. Letter from Orchard Park Firefighter Chris Bosley re: change of address to Blasdell. Motion by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to table until work session as it is out of district. Motion carried.
7. Letter from Orchard Park Firefighter Katie Machemer re: change of address to Blasdell. Motion by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to table until work session as it is out of district. Motion carried.
8. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: inactive status for Firefighter Curley. See new memberships and removals.
9. Letter from Orchard Park Town Clerk's Office re: proposed street names.
10. Town of Orchard Park Planning Department, agenda for the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Filed
11. Town of Orchard Park Planning Department minutes from March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Filed
12. Town of Orchard Park Planning Department, solicitation for lead agency for Lyrica Park. Given to District Chief for review.
13. Letters from Absolut of Orchard Park re: oxygen use patients. Given to chief of Orchard Park.
14. Letter from Erie County Commissioner of Health Dr. Billittier re: Erie County MERS providing dispatch services to 911 system. Filed.
15. VFIS Newsletter. Basket
16. NYSIF Newsletter. Basket.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The following transfers are needed:

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.:**

1. Monthly reports read. Attached to file copy.
2. Have ordered the air packs. There was a meeting at Central last week. Had another demo with regards to what was going to be ordered. Have ordered 67 of the Next Gen. air packs and 70 bottles. The company complimented the 70 we ordered with 70 more making a total of 140-30 minute bottles.
3. Have ordered 10 of the Epic voice amplifiers for the officers. The total for all was \$395,201.00
4. The committee for the camera will have to meet for another demo by the company from the FDIC. The company will honor the price given at the FDIC.
5. Another discussion that has to take place is the air cards for the laptops that will make the fast tracker completely functional. If we put our heads together may be a way to utilize, rather than have laptops that are dedicated specifically to working structure fire may be able to utilize EMS's also. That way the laptops are constantly being used.
6. The 400 MHz portables have been given to the chiefs.
7. Have been given day passes for the for the 2010 State Chiefs Convention in NYC as well as anyone going this weekend to Harrisburg.
8. There have been some complaints about speeding apparatus speeding through the village.
9. Will be able to get the electronic pages through the phones. Have to go through the EC website to sign up. Just a reminder that the pages may be delayed a little.
10. Will be a county website launched shortly for the ID cards.

11. All the chiefs should have ID cards for all the apparatus by Brown & Stromecki.
12. Thanks to all for the ravine rescue. Included all three companies and went very well.
13. Next work session 5-26-2010 at 6:30pm

**District EMS Officer, Tony Balaster**

1. June 5 & 6, 2010 will have a tele-class here at central, for an hour each day.
2. C&E classes, which are needed for the rapid re-certification, have been posted at each hall.
3. EMS 1 battery was replaced.
4. EMS 2 had a loose wire that has been repaired.
5. Vital Signs will be August 27-29, 2010. Up to 12 can go. Prices for bus ride and train ride as well as cost of Sheridan Towers Hotel. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern for 12 to go to NYC for the vital signs. Motion carried.

**Orchard Park Chief, Joe Jensen:**

1. The Explorer's will be having a car wash on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
2. OP2 will be a pump operators class 2 nights next week.
3. Firefighter Germano is back in service.
4. Public information will be in an ad to be in the next edition of the Bee with a color coded map on coverage changes in the district.

**Windom Chief, Bob Baun:**

1. May 17<sup>th</sup> will begin the fund drive

**Hillcrest Chief, Ernie Matthews:**

1. Hillcrest 1 will be a Green Lake this Saturday for a couple of hours for the CF walk.

**NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:**

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

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Justin Hoellis to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to accept Barrett Brauch to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

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

None

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

None

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

**Commissioner Glace:**

1. Doug Hinckley's Company, D & K Services, will be washing the windows at all the fire stations.

**Commissioner Davern:**

No report

**Commissioner Eiskant:**

No report

**Commissioner Szewc:**

1. All the grant applications submitted were bounced out. Contacted Higgins office and it seems that all of Erie County has been denied. Perhaps after trying for a grant eleven times that the taxes are not high enough. Will continue to check on this.
2. Training Officer, Bill Hanrahan, sent an email to all regarding the district drills. Will be going back to the way it was in 1995.
3. Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> Chief Bill Goldfeder either at the Middle or High School to speak. Will need the chiefs to get a list together by August of who is going.
4. W8 needs step repair.

**Commissioner Simpson:**

1. Windom 8 was out for some substantial work last month and had a discussion prior with regards to having an ambulance out and responding to calls. Solicited for the purchase of a fourth ambulance to better serve the residents of Orchard Park in case of one or more of the ambulances are out of service. Received two bids:

Gorman Emergency Vehicles	\$84,750.00
Exceptional Emergency Vehicles (AEV)	\$84,877.00

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to go to Executive session.

Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:40pm.

Motion made by Commissioner glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to return to regular meeting.

Motion carried. Regular meeting resumed at 8:47pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern that pending receipt and review of the spec book from Gorman the bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Motion carried.

**Attorney Chelus:**

1. Have looked at the audit proposals and they will need to be review further to see if both companies are doing the same work. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to table the audit bids so they can be reviewed and will be awarded at the June meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Question to Chief Jensen regarding Firefighter Michael Brooks EMT course and it is still pending.

Reminder to the chiefs that copies of all certificates for FDIC are needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Just a reminder from Firefighter Landy that the Communion Breakfast will be Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Windom beginning at 8am.

**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 \$296,249.57. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

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

Meeting adjourned 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary