

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on June 10, 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.
		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:

Chris Gordon, Orchard Park Bee	Howard Hoffman, Windom
Bob Baun, Windom	Chris Couell, Orchard Park
Guy Carey, Orchard Park	Ken Macheimer, Orchard Park
Rich Mrugalski, Orchard Park	William Mountstevan, Windom]

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:

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

Communications and Action on Same:

1. Letter from the Town of Orchard Park Building Inspector's Office re: change of address. Filed.
2. Return to duty for Dan Lelito. Filed
3. VFIS Newsletter. Basket.
4. Return to duty for Matthew Cavanaugh. Filed
5. Copy of cover letter to firefighter Lee Emminger re: paperwork needed.
6. Letter from Selective Insurance re: recent claim. Filed.
7. Letter from United States Bankruptcy Court re: American LaFrance. Filed.
8. Out of service for Jonathan Torre. Filed.
9. Town of Orchard Park Planning Board Department, minutes of May meeting and agenda for June meeting. Filed.
10. Military leave for Timothy Gibbons. Filed.
11. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: resignation of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
12. Certificate of Insurance for Norcrete Construction. Filed.

13. Certificate of Workers Compensation Insurance from NY State Insurance fund for Erie Community South.
14. Certificate of Insurance for Hanrahan Construction. Filed.
15. Cancellation of insurance for James. Miller from Erie Insurance Company. Filed.
16. Letter from Windom fire Company re: resignation of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
17. Letter from Windom fire Company re: use of hall on July 20, 2008. Filed.
18. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: removal of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
19. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of hall on June 7, 12, and 22, 2008. Filed.
20. Letter and resolution from FASNY re: shortfall of funds for training. Attached to file copy. Copy sent to each fire company.
21. Return to duty for Orchard Park firefighter Joe Jensen. Filed.
22. Out of service for Commissioner John Leach. Filed.

Treasurer's Report:

Will need to transfer \$1900.00 from maintenance supplies to Building Maintenance repairs.
Cash flow report. See attached.

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

District Chief Dan Neaverth Jr.:

1. Question on the check for Saiia, per Commissioner Szewc it is for the radio repeater at Windom.
2. Thanks to all for the STOP DWI drill at the high school.
3. The next work session will be June 24, 2008 at 7pm at Central.
4. The small equipment has been ordered and will begin to come in.
5. The boots have been ordered through Shoemaker. Please notify OP 10 when the firefighters need the boots and they will be ordered at that time.
6. The EMS Training through ECC is still tentative. There has been some abuse as far as reimbursement by some fire companies. The EMT courses will still be available at the fire halls.

Windom Chief, Dave Roessler:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to send Windom firefighters Jerry and Vicki Knavel to Montour Falls October 4 & 5, 2008 for Safety Officer Training for cost of food, lodging etc. Motion carried.

Hillcrest Chief, Reid Holmes:

1. Hillcrest firefighter here to discuss availability.

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to go into executive session. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:21pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to return to regular meeting. Motion carried. Regular meeting resumed at 8:51pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to reinstate Hillcrest firefighter to active duty with stipulation that he be either taking or signed up for firefighting courses by no later than September. Motion carried.

Orchard Park Given by 2nd Assistant Chief Guy Carey:

1. Orchard Park 8 will be going in for oil change on Thursday morning.

District Training Officer, William G. Szewc:

1. On June 25th there will be RIT training at tower at Chestnut Ridge Park tower.
2. On June 30th there will be a District drill at Chestnut Ridge Park tower.
3. Effective August 1, 2008 there will be no more light duty per the district.

District EMS Officer, Tony Balaster:

1. Monthly reports read.
2. Just a reminder that when EMS 1 is taken it is to be returned to the fire station.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:

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

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to remove Paul Bodden from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Explorer Andrew Kowalski to the District rolls effective June 29, 2008. Motion carried.

*****Hillcrest*****

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Glace to remove Mike Sedar from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to accept Kelly Jolls to the District Rolls for EMS only. Motion carried.

*****Windom*****

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to remove Dan Summers from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept John Griveas to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Glace:

1. The alarm company will be here Friday morning to install the smoke heads.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant for secretary to write a letter to firefighter Matt Brock to be at the July meeting regarding hardship. Motion carried.
3. Please be aware that there is a company calling themselves WNY Volunteer Fireman's Association trying to scam people out of money. Orchard Park Police have been notified.

Commissioner Davern:

No report

Commissioner Eiskant:

No report.

Commissioner Szewc:

1. Letter needed to go to Firefighters Mark Gorski and Jason Putnam to have their employers write a letter stating that they are allowed to leave work to respond to fire and rescue calls.
2. Letters needed to go to the Village and Town of Orchard Park regarding parking lot at Central will be closed to all starting Thursday for approximately ten days.
3. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to have Greg Schapel install the air handling system at Windom under emergency repairs for \$4650.00. Motion carried.

Attorney Chelus:

1. Still going over the hall usage contract. Will have an answer shortly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Per OP 10 there is a problem with the alarms at the schools and also with the Orchard Park School District's allowing or not allowing the fire companies access to the buildings when the alarms go off. Will meet with Superintendent Joan Thomas to try to solve the issue.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

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 \$40528.66 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 9:21PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary