

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on July 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/ Jackie Rupert

Fire Company Officers Present:

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

Others Present:

Robert Baun, Windom	Pat Landy, Windom
Kris Landy, Windom	Howard Hoffman, Windom
Bill Mounsteven, Windom	Jason Putnam
Jim Putnam, Orchard Park	Jack Putnam Sr., Orchard Park
Rich Mrugalski, Orchard Park	Andy Coppola, Orchard Park
Aaron Martin, Orchard Park	Jordan Kellerman, Orchard Park
Ed Kurcz, Orchard Park	Doug Wolf, Hillcrest
Brett Landsman, Hillcrest	Chris Couell, Orchard Park

Memorial Resolution for Daniel Koch was read into the minutes by Chairman Szewc

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:

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

Communications and Action on Same:

1. Return to duty for Lindsey Lobur. Filed
2. Informational flyer for Law Enforcement fall classics outing. Basket
3. Letter from Orchard Brooke Living Center re: oxygen use patients. Given to OP9
4. Letter from Attorney Chelus re: Fire District Audit
5. Certificates of Insurance for: County of Erie Dept. of Law, Fredonia Fire Company, Mike Tabone and Jeanette McDonald. Filed.
6. Letter from firefighter Wolf re: change of address, no action needed.

7. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: back in service for Jonathan Torre and Al Marino. Filed.
8. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of Hillcrest 7-29, 8-16 & 10-3-2009. Filed
9. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: small equipment purchases. Filed.
10. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: firefighter Jason Putnam. Filed.
11. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: suspension of firefighter Paul Scoliese. Filed.
12. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of hall 7-4, 7-7, 7-9-2009. Filed.
13. Town of Orchard Park, Planning Department, minutes from 5-13 & 7-6-2009 meeting. Filed.
14. Town of Orchard Park Planning Department, agenda for 7-8-2009 meeting. Filed.
15. Letter from National Fuel Gas regarding incentive programs. Basket.
16. Registration forms for 38th Annual Mid-Year Workshop Training. Basket.
17. Fire District Affairs. Filed.
18. The Navigator Journal. Basket.
19. VFIS Newsletter. Basket.
20. Letter from United Stationers re: Jason Putnam. Filed.

Treasurer's Report:

The following transfers are needed: \$13850.00 from Building Reserves into Building Maintenance. The monthly cash flow report is attached to the file copy.

The Audit has been given to the Commissioners, Attorney Chelus, Secretary Buczkowski and OP10. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

District Dan Neaverth Jr.:

1. We have received the 400mhz frequency. Just waiting to see if the firefighter's assistance grant comes through.
2. EMS 2 is now in service.
3. There has been a problem with the ID's for some time now. The County is working with area towns for a better identification system of firefighters. Would like to move forward with the County rather than stay with the Town of Orchard Park Police Dept.
4. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to move forward and advertise for turn out gear with bid to be opened at the August meeting. Motion carried.
5. There is no work session for July.

Orchard Park Chief, Guy Carey:

1. The ice cream social will be 7/24/2009
2. On July 20th there will be a live burn at Chestnut Ridge.
3. Firefighter Kellerman has been appointed to Lt. of OP7
4. On July 17th there will be an auto extrication class to which Hillcrest and Windom are invited.

Windom Chief, Dave Roessler:

1. Firefighter Riley has turn in all equipment except his key, which he claims he has lost.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern for 2 to go to Montour Falls in August for a cost of \$544.00 plus mileage. Motion carried.

Hillcrest Chief, Reid Holmes:

1. The Tri-Company golf outing and picnic will be Wednesday, July 15, 2009. Picnic will be at the Hillcrest Grove and all are invited.

District Training Officer, William G. Szewc:

1. 2009 training requirement courses have been handed out.
2. The Training Officers Workshop is now called the Principals of Instruction. This course has not been run for 5 years and am hoping for October here at Central.

District EMS Officer, Tony Balaster:

1. The paperwork for July 4th events has been sent to county.
2. EMS 2 is an intermediate rig.
3. The drawers for OP8 and H8 are here and ready to be installed.
4. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant for up to 12 from the district to go to the Vital Signs seminar in Rochester. Motion carried.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:

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

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to accept Michael Cavanagh to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Nicole Schiske to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

*****Hillcrest*****

None

*****Windom*****

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Glace:

No Report

Commissioner Davern:

No Report

Commissioner Eiskant:

1. Attended the Erie County Fire District meeting on June 17th. The bill has gone through the Senate and assembly and is now on the Governor's desk. If signed then residents will be able to vote fire commissioners out.

Commissioner Simpson:

No Report

Commissioner Szewc:

1. Since Windom and Orchard Park's alarm systems are beyond repair, motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern for new system at Windom with monitoring by Sonitrol for a cost of \$4875.58 and an upgrade to the panel at Orchard Park for \$5751.16 with monitoring by Sonitrol. Motion carried.

Attorney Chelus:

1. The DEC lawsuit with regards to the parking lot and source of pollution is still a work in progress.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jason Putnam stood to address the Board regarding removal from OPFC. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to go to executive session. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:35pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to return to regular meeting. Regular meeting resumed at 9:10 pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davern to suspend firefighter Brett Landsman from driving any district apparatus until the insurance company for the district states it is ok. Motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

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 \$240,299.10. 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 in memory of Firefighter Dan Koch at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary