

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on August 11, 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	Treasurer:	Deborah Rogers
Commissioner:	Robert Glace	Attorney:	Michael Chelus
Commissioner:	Jerry Davern	Secretary:	Roberta Buczkowski
Commissioner:	Robert Eiskant	EMS:	Tony Balaster
Commissioner:	Robert Simpson		

Fire Company Officers Present:

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

Others Present:

Robert Baun, Windom	Howard Hoffman, Windom
Rich Mrugalski, Orchard Park	Jack Putnam, Orchard Park
John Wittmann, Hillcrest	David Eiskant
David Stromecki, Brown & Stromecki Insurance	Pat Landy, Windom
Mark Macris, Triaps Synergy	

Memorial Resolution for Harry Eckle was read into the minutes by Chairman Szewc

Bid Opening:

Bid opening for the turnout gear was read by Chairman Szewc.

One bid was received by Triaps Synergy for a total price per turnout gear of \$1873.02.

Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to turn bids over to committee for review. Motion carried.

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. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: use of Windom Hall on 9-13-2009. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace regarding same. Motion carried.
2. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: Change of address for firefighter Robert Buerger from 3797 Wolf Road to 5093 Richmond Ave. This is a lateral out of district move. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to approve move. Motion carried.

3. Letter from VFIS re: privacy policy. Filed
4. Letter from WNY Fire District Officers Legislative Association re: Annual Law & Legislative workshop, 9-19-2009. Basket.
5. Letter from Selective re; Claim of incident on 4-16-2009. Filed
6. Letter from Selective to Orchard Park Fire Company. Given to Jack Putnam, President of Orchard Park Fire Company.
7. Advertisement from TRM Architect re: Capital Improvement Projects. Basket.
8. Certificate of Insurance for Norcrete Construction. Filed.
9. Return to duty papers for Reid Holmes. Filed.
10. Town of Orchard Park Planning Department agenda for 8-12-2009. Filed
11. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of Hillcrest Hall 9-19. Also will be hosting an EMT course from 8-25-2009 through 1-10-2010. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern regarding same. Motion carried.
12. Back in service paperwork for Marylin Weichmann. Filed.
13. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of Central on 8-4 & 8-29-2009. Motion by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern regarding same. Motion carried.
14. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: new members. This was approved at the July meeting. Filed.
15. Letter and paperwork from Attorney Chelus regarding State of New York VS Orchard Park Fire District and Bauer's Service Station. Filed.

Treasurer's Report:

There are no transfers needed.

There have been ongoing problems with Carquest filling out the required purchase orders. Per Commissioner Simpson the fire companies are no longer to use Carquest. Letters to each company will be sent.

The 2% money is in and checks to each of the companies will be sent.

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. (by Commissioner Szewc)

1. Monthly reports read.
2. On August 24th there will be an EMS Drill.
3. A letter was sent to the Commissioner of Emergency Services with regards to a repeater purchase for the town for the 800 MHz radios. Emergency services will purchase.
4. Just a reminder to the chiefs to let the Board know when their standbys at the fair will be.
5. The next work session will be August 26th at 6:30pm.

Orchard Park Chief, Guy Carey:

1. Standbys at the fair will be August 15 & 22nd.
2. 9-29-2009 there will be a burn at Hillcrest.
3. Would like to meet with the Board after the meeting tonight

Windom Chief, Dave Roessler:

1. Standbys at the fair will be 8-16, 18 & 23rd.
2. Standby at the Bills game 8-15 at 5pm. All are welcome to join.

Hillcrest Chief, Reid Holmes:

1. Hillcrest 8 is in Gowanda for a standby to help with the clean up.
2. Hillcrest 1 fair standby 8-12 and 8-21
3. Hillcrest 7 8-23 for demolition derby
4. Would like to send firefighters to Ontario County to participate in their rope training sometime in October. Per Commissioner Szewc get the facts and figures for the September meeting.

District Training, Commissioner Szewc:

1. The training has been cut back for August due to money issues.
2. Several courses have been requested for the fall. Will let everyone know as they become available.

District EMS Officer, Tony Balaster:

1. PCR's are still a big issue especially at Central. Per Commissioner Szewc submit the names to the Board and will be discussed with OP10.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:

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

None

*****Hillcrest*****

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to accept Maureen Ryan to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

*****Windom*****

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to remove Robert Hartman from the District rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Trisha Fitzpatrick to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Glace:

No report

Commissioner Davern:

No report

Commissioner Eiskant:

No report

Commissioner Simpson:

No report

Commissioner Szewc:

No report

Attorney Chelus:

Still looking at ways to provide better EMS service to the residents of Orchard Park. The General Municipal law prohibits the billing of residents. They pay for the service through the taxes. The way

to provide better service is to form a separate not for profit Orchard Park Fire District EMS. There would be a separate tax id and others could join without joining the fire companies.

Motion made by Commissioner Simpson seconded by Commissioner Glace to go to executive session. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:35pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to go to regular meeting. Regular meeting resumed at 8:49pm.

Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to move ahead with the non for profit Emergency Medical Service Division of the Orchard Park Fire District. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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 \$173,287.41. 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 8:52 PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary