

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on September 9, 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.
Commissioner:	John Leach	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 1 <sup>st</sup> Assist. Chief:	Guy Carey
Windom Chief:	Dave Roessler
Hillcrest Chief:	Reid Holmes

**Others Present:**

Dennis Pickard – Hillcrest	Richard Mrugalski - Orchard Park
Howard Hoffman – Windom	Ken Machemer – Orchard Park
Leo Tarnowski – Orchard Park	David Jensen – Orchard Park
Orchard Park Explorers	Bob Baun – Windom

**Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

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

**Communications and Action on Same:**

1. Certificate of Insurance for the Orchard Park Garden Club. Filed.
2. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: endorsement of Jackie Rupert for OP 10-1A. Filed.
3. Letter from Al Romanchuck re: Boy Scout Den 5 selling popcorn at the Central Fire Hall during Quaker Days. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach to allow. Motion carried. Letter filed.
4. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: new members. See new memberships and removals.
5. Letter from OP Firefighter Robert Cullio re: change of address to 345 Vistula. Filed.
6. Letters from VESO Life Insurance for new members. Given to each chief.
7. Fire District Affairs. Filed.
8. Meeting minutes from Erie County Fire Advisory Board for July 08. Filed.
9. Department of State newsletter. Basket.
10. Agenda from Town of Orchard Park Planning Department for September 10<sup>th</sup>.
11. The Journal NFPA newsletter. Basket.

12. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: removal of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.
13. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of hall 9-12, 9-25 and 9-26-2008. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Leach to allow. Motion carried.
14. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: use of Windom Hall 9-28-2008. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach to allow. Motion carried.
15. Letter from firefighter Joseph Gallagher re: unable to meet with Board this evening. Filed.
16. Return to work for Reid Holmes. Filed.
17. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: Hillcrest Grove. Letter given to Attorney Chelus.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The following transfers are needed:

\$711.00 to be transferred from small equipment repairs to maintenance of radios and alarms.

\$68029.00 to be transferred from building reserve with \$61562.00 going to repairs to buildings and \$6467.00 going to building maintenance repairs.

Cash flow report. See attached.

Motion made by Commissioner Leach, seconded by Commissioner Glace to accept the Treasurer's report with the above mentioned transfers. Motion carried.

#### **District Dan Neaverth Jr.:**

1. Nice job done on the Rope Rescue drill at Chestnut Ridge.
2. Working on 5" hose replacement.
3. With regards to the numerous calls at the Hammocks in Orchard Park, Social Services checked on the woman and found that she is perfectly capable of living on her own so the calls may become a legal issue.
4. Names are needed and a date available for the turn out gear by the end of the week.
5. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach to spend \$1000.00 for the fire prevention trailer from Lancaster to be taken to the schools. Motion carried.
6. With regards to Chestnut Ridge Village town houses, went before the Zoning Board and will be fully sprinkled. OP 10 will send a letter to Orchard Park Zoning Board regarding this issue.
7. There were batteries delivered and placed on OP 10's chair and now they are missing. Please return.
8. Work session 9-30-2008 at 7pm.

#### **Orchard Park 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Guy Carey:**

1. Would like the Board to write letters to the new applicants once they have been approved.

#### **Windom Chief, Dave Roessler:**

1. Fire Prevention Classes Friday at Windom starting at 8pm.

#### **Hillcrest Chief, Reid Holmes:**

No report

### **District Training Officer, William G. Szewc:**

1. Drills for September and October will be the last Monday of each month.
2. Had a good drill with the rope rescue. There were more people attending out of the district than within. Would like to see more district firefighters attend next time.
3. Turn out gear must be worn when at the training towers. This is a county policy and must be adhered to.
4. Please start to take notice of anyone having any breathing difficulties at the drills. May be due to allergies to the hay etc.

### **District EMS Officer, Tony Balaster**

1. The CPR class scheduled for tomorrow will be the last one of the year.
2. Information given to Treasurer Rogers regarding the \$1200.00 for EMS Vital Checks.

### **NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:**

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

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Katie Macheimer to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach to remove Kyle Wasiela from the District Rolls. Motion carried.

#### **\*\*\*Hillcrest\*\*\***

None

#### **\*\*\*Windom\*\*\***

None

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

#### **Commissioner Leach:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Leach, seconded by Commissioner Glace to advertise the Public Meeting on the Fire District Budget to be held before the regular meeting on October 14, 2008 at 7pm. Motion carried.

#### **Commissioner Glace:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Davern, seconded by Commissioner Leach to award the painting at Hillcrest to PDQ Painting for \$2475.00. This is for labor only. The District will supply the paint. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Leach for Carpet Makers to do the tiling at Hillcrest for \$1585.00. Motion carried.
3. Motion made by Commissioner Davern, seconded by Commissioner Leach for the District to sell District 4 at a bid opening on Monday September 29, 2008 at 7pm and to advertise same. Motion carried.

4. Motion made by Commissioner Davern, seconded by Commissioner Leach to pay the parking lot attendants for the Quaker Arts Festival on September 20 & 21, 2008 \$10.00 per hour. Motion carried.
5. Motion made by Commissioner Leach, seconded by Commissioner Davern to pay expenses for the trip to North Carolina to see the new ambulances per diem for the tentative date of October 9 -11<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Davern:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Davern, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to advertise for snowplowing of Central. Motion carried.

**Commissioner Eiskant:**

No report

**Commissioner Szewc:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Leach, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept the guidelines provided by the Rope Rescue Team. Motion carried.
2. A copy of the resolution regarding pregnancy will be sent to all companies.
3. The old building at the Cheektowaga training tower will be torn down and the new one will be delivered on September 15<sup>th</sup>, all twelve tractor trailers.
4. Was notified that there will be an increase of 28% in the VFBL.
5. There are some cut backs for the older members regarding the awards program. Still waiting for documentation.

**Attorney Chelus:**

No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Per Chief Roessler, Windom has put together a committee for the new Windom 1, consisting of himself, Bob Simpson, John Green, Bill Mounsteven and Howard Hoffman.

**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 \$ 170840.88. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

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

Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary