

**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 8, 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 Assistant Chief:	Chris Couell
Windom Chief:	Dave Roessler
Hillcrest Chief:	Reid Holmes

Others Present:

Jon Torre, Hillcrest	Doug Wolf, Hillcrest
Anthony Coppola, Orchard Park 1	Tony Scolese, Orchard Park
Andrew Kowalski, Orchard Park	Mike Cavanaugh, Orchard park
John Wittmann, Hillcrest	David Eiskant
Tim Gibbons, Orchard Park	

Memorial Resolution for Walter Wessel was read into the minutes by Chairman Szewc

Bid Opening:

The bids were opened and read for the turnout gear for the District. The bids were as follows:
Eliza Inc. for \$1672.00 per set

DiVal Safety for \$1425.00 per set with \$34.00 for belt loops and \$29.00 for each harness.
Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace to turn bids over to committee. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:

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

Communications and Action on Same:

1. Flyer from candidate for supervisor, Janis Colarusso, meet the candidate spaghetti dinner. Basket
2. Letter from the Town of Orchard Park Building Inspector's office re; change of address from 7500 Quaker Road to 10 Norwood Lane. Filed.
3. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of hall 9-1-2009. File
4. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: change of date for use of hall from 9-13-2009 to 9-12-2009. Filed.
5. Letter from Erie County Fire District Officers Association re: next meeting 9-16-2009 at Seneca Hose #5. Filed.
6. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: change of address for firefighter Rupert. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davern approval of change of address. Motion carried.
7. Orchard Park Planning Department, agenda for Special Meeting 8-20-2009. Filed.
8. Orchard Park Planning Department, Minutes of 7-8-2009 meeting. Filed.
9. Letter to Greg Skibitsky from OP10 re: 400 MHz. Filed.
10. Fire District Affairs. Filed.
11. The Journal of Emergency Dispatch Magazine. Basket.
12. VFIS Newsletter. Basket.
13. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of hall 9-14-2009 and 10-2-2009. Filed.
14. Letter from Attorney Chelus to Charles Jordan re: professional ambulance billing. Filed.
15. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: acceptance of firefighter. See new memberships.
16. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: acceptance of firefighter. See new memberships
17. Town of Orchard Park Planning Department notice of no meeting in September. Filed.
18. Letter from Attorney Chelus to Chairman Szewc re: FOIL request from Kevin Schenk, town attorney for Cheektowaga about Firefighter Dan Lelito. Reply to be written by Secretary Buczkowski.
19. Memo from Police Officer Fitzgerald to Chairman Szewc re: the ID system is back in service with appointments continuing as they have in the past. To contact call 662-6418. Filed.

Treasurer's Report:

The following transfers are needed:

\$3860.00 from Building Reserve to Building Maintenance Repair.

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 with the transfers. Motion carried.

District Dan Neaverth Jr. By Chairman Szewc:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to send up to 10 members to the Rope Rescue Training in Ontario County for a cost not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried.
2. The draft policy re: live burns pre plans prior to event are done.
3. Work session 9-29-2009 at 6:30pm.
4. Orchard Park High School has decided not to contract with Rural Metro for the football games.
5. Monthly reports read. Attached to file copy.

Windom Chief, Dave Roessler:

1. Stadium standby for the football games will be September 20 & 27th. All are invited to help out.

Orchard Park Assistant Chief, Chris Couell:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant for the Life Member event 9-24-2009. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Davern, seconded by Commissioner Simpson to send two to the Crash and Burn September 19 & 20th at Sheridan Park at a cost of \$125.00 each. Motion carried
3. Truck repairs were given to Windom 9
4. The physicals are all completed except for one firefighter which Secretary Buczkowski will send letter to.
5. Just a reminder that the Quaker Arts Festival will be the weekend of September 19th.
6. The district drill will be September 21st at Chestnut Ridge

Hillcrest Chief, Reid Holmes:

No report

District Training Officer, William G. Szewc:

1. OP 10 has put together a statement regarding the live burns needing comprehensive plan prior to event.

District EMS Officer, Tony Balaster:

1. Friday, September 11th will be the High School football game at 7:30. Orchard Park fill try to cover per Assistant Chief Couell.
2. Orchard Park and Windom 8's are now paramedic units.
3. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to purchase two 12-lead monitors for a cost of \$38000.00 for both. Motion carried.
4. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to purchase two catnography equipment for \$7800.00. Motion carried.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:

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

None

*****Hillcrest*****

None

*****Windom*****

Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept David Eiskant to the District Rolls. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to accept Daniel Pheteplace to the District Rolls. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Simpson:

1. Working with Treasurer Rogers on the 2010 budget.

Commissioner Davern:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Davern, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to adopt the United States flag policy. Motion carried. Copies to each fire company.

Commissioner Eiskant:

No report

Commissioner Glace:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to pay the parking lot attendants the same as last year for the Quaker Arts Festival. Motion carried.
2. The ballast has been changed in Hillcrest office.

Commissioner Szewc:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to purchase two Chevy Tahoe's for EMS use. Motion carried.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to pay the per diem rate of \$.54 per day for the Fire Pro training program from September 29th to October 3rd. Motion carried.
3. If there is any problem with the Police Dept. regarding the ID cards contact Chairman Szewc.
4. The fire companies need to notify the applicants if they are not accepted into the fire companies.
5. Will be meeting with the health department tomorrow.
6. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to have the 1998 computers declared surplus and to be disposed of properly. Motion carried.
7. Need the names of the firefighters going to FDIC.

Attorney Chelus:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Glace, seconded by Commissioner Davern to post the public hearing in the paper for the 2010 proposed budget. Motion carried.
2. The proposed certificate of incorporation consent for the fire district has been done. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace for the Chairman to sign the legal documents from Attorney Chelus to form Orchard Park Fire District EMS. Motion carried.
3. Have interviewed a number of billing services and PAB Inc. at \$28.00 per billing seems to be the best. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Davern to sign the contract with PAB Inc. to do the billing for the OPFD EMS. Motion carried.
4. Received a FOIL request from the Town of Cheektowaga Attorney regarding a Hillcrest firefighter. Secretary Buczkowski to write letter in response.
5. Motion made by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Glace to advertise for the public hearing on the proposed 2010 budget. 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 \$53,726.68. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There was a moment of silence for Firefighter Walter Wessel

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 8:55PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary