

**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 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Orchard Park Fire Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Macheimer and began with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

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| Chairman: | Kenneth Macheimer | Dist. Chief: | Joseph Jensen Sr. |
| | | Treasurer: | Christine Petrie |
| Commissioner: | Robert Eiskant | Deputy Treasurer: | Penny Jensen |
| Commissioner: | Frank Wierzbowski | Attorney: | Michael Chelus |
| Commissioner: | Gregory Gill | Secretary: | Roberta Buczkowski |
| | | EMS: | Tony Balester |

Fire Company Officers Present:

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| Orchard Park Chief: | Rich Mrugalski |
| Windom Chief: | Guy Carey |
| Hillcrest Chief: | Dan Neaverth Jr. |

Others Present:

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| Chet Covers, Windom | Peter Slotman, Hillcrest |
| David Roessler, Windom | Howard Hoffman Jr. Windom |
| Doug Wolf, Hillcrest | Larry Brand, Hillcrest |
| Dennis Bosley, Orchard Park | Bill Gorman, Gorman Enterprises |
| Tom Toy, North Eastern Rescue Vehicles | Jay Knavel, Windom |
| David Stromecki, Brown & Stromecki Insurance | |

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Wierzbowski that the minutes of the July meeting be approved. All in favor; motion carried.

Ambulance Bid Opening:

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| North Eastern Rescue Vehicles | 2017 Ford (from Specs) | \$128,000.00 |
| | 2016 Ford (Demo) | \$112,900.00 |
| Gorman Enterprises | 2017 Ford | \$114,850.00 |

Motion made by Commissioner Wierzbowski, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to turn the bids over to District Chief and committee. All in favor; motion carried

Communications and Action on Same:

1. Letter from New York State Insurance Fund re: Premium Review for Workers Compensation Insurance. Filed.
2. Letter from Hillcrest re: removal of firefighters. See new memberships and removals. Letter filed.
3. Letter from the Orchard Park BEE re: town wide distribution on September 15, 2016. Basket
4. Letter from Advance Auto Parts re: consolidation of Advance Auto Parts and Car Quest. Basket,
5. Fire District Affairs. Filed.
6. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: use of Windom Hall 8-18-2016. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Wierzbowski regarding same. All in favor; motion carried. Letter filed.

Treasurer's Report:

There are no transfers needed:

The monthly cash flow report is attached to the file copy.

Motion made by Commissioner Gill, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor; motion carried.

District Joseph Jensen Sr.:

1. Monthly reports read. Attached to file copy,
2. The small equipment is being ordered now.
3. The air packs are being installed
4. Getting prices on the Cascade System.
5. Have ordered more bunker gear for Hillcrest.

Orchard Park Chief, Rich Mrugalski:

1. Orchard Park will be doing standbys at the fair August 14 & 18th.
2. Orchard Park will be doing a standby at Eggert School 8-31-2016 from 5-8pm.
3. Would like an update to the question of number of calls to 3050 Orchard Park Road, 6060 & 6050 Armor Duells, MASH, Immediate Care and Pediatric Urgent Care that was brought up at the July meeting. Per Tony Balester, once the Ambulance is purchased by EMS Inc from the District then we can move forward.
4. There were two (2) calls, one to Colden and one to South Wales in which a medic was requested and both a medic and an ambulance were taken. Would like to know the board's feelings on other towns requesting a medic and both a medic and an ambulance are taken out of town? Per Chairman Machemer that issue needs to be addressed with our insurance agent with regards to an ambulance being taken out of town without being dispatched. Per OP10 these types of calls are along the same lines as a MACC call. Per Firefighter Wolf, who was at dispatch at the time of the call stated that South Wales asked for a fly car only. The decision was made by EMS to take an ambulance also. Per EMS Coordinator Balester, these are much like a call to the MACC in which we try to provide an ambulance along with a medic for compensation purposes. Chief Mrugalski's concern is that when an ambulance is taken out of town and something happens i.e. as mass casualty incident, we, the town and EMS has no way of effectively covering the situation. Per Attorney Chelus this is not only an insurance issue but our system is based on a 911 emergency system not an ambulance service only. Per David Stromecki, we have insurance for going out of town; the issue that comes into play is that if it is a fire truck request there is not a problem but if it is EMS there may be. Per Attorney Chelus, if there is another such call the district has to operate under the 911 system. We also have to consider Orchard Park and its

resident first. This is why EMS was first formed. There needs to be much more discussion on this issue.

Windom Chief, Guy Carey:

1. Windom 4 is now in service
2. Will be doing standbys for the Buffalo Bills Games August 13 & 20th.
3. Will be taking D4 to the fair on Friday for Fireman's Night if ok with the Board. Per Chairman Macheimer, this is fine.
4. All the air packs are in service.
5. One air pack was returned to OP10 as it was defective

Hillcrest Chief, Dan Neaverth Jr.:

1. Hillcrest holding off on distribution of air packs for the list of specific air pack to each firefighter.
2. Hillcrest will be doing some standbys at the fair also.

District EMS Officer, Tony Balester

1. Vital Signs will cost between \$4500.00 and \$5000.00

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:

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

None

*****Hillcrest*****

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Gill to remove Ryan Esford from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Gill, seconded by Commissioner Wierzbowski to remove Brian Godfrey from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

*****Windom*****

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Eiskant:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Gill to have Bieler Services re-surface the meeting room floor at Central for a cost not to exceed \$1000.00. All in favor; motion carried.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Wierzbowski to provide the food for the Buffalo Bills games standbys. All in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Wierzbowski:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Wierzbowski, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant for computer purchases not to exceed \$1500.00. All in favor; motion carried.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Wierzbowski, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to approve all the EC Fair standbys. All in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Gill:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Gill, seconded by Commissioner Wierzbowski to amend the motion made at the August 2015 meeting from \$24000.00 to, not to exceed \$33000.00 for Windom 4. All in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Machemer:

No report

Attorney Chelus:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Gill, seconded by Commissioner Wierzbowski to purchase the old Boncraft building for its headquarters, public District meetings, training and repair of apparatus at 4222 South Taylor Road, Orchard Park, New York for \$725,000.00 from unrestricted funds subject to permissive referendum. All in favor; motion carried.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Wierzbowski, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to publish the Notice of Referendum for the purchase of the Boncraft building in the Districts official newspaper.. All in favor; motion carried.
3. With regards to the Hillcrest expansion, the following companies have been approved to do the work:

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| A. Vastola | Heating and plumbing |
| B. Telco | General Contractor |
| C. MKS | Plumbing |
| D. Goodwin | Electrical |
4. Motion made by Commissioner Gill, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant to have the Chairman sign the contracts for the Hillcrest expansion as the filing time for any petitions has passed. All in favor; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Per firefighter Doug Wolf the transfer to Gmail and Iamresponding is finishing up. Training is now needed. Also have upgraded all computers that are compatible with Windows 10. Will have to replace the district computers at some point as they are not compatible with Windows 10.

Per David Stromecki, Bieler Janitorial Services did not meet the insurance requirements in the past. Will reach out to them again before the floor resurfacing is started.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:

Motion made by Commissioner Gill, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant that the bills be paid as presented for a total of \$294,392.37. All in favor; motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business to come before this Board, motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Gill that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:40PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary