

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on May 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Orchard Park Fire Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Machermer and began with the pledge to the flag, and a moment of silence for Firefighters William Klug and Frederick Tedesco

Roll Call:

Chairman:	Kenneth Machermer	Dist. Chief:	Guy Carey
Commissioner:	Paul Bodden	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:

Orchard Park Assistant Chief:	John Newell
Windom Chief:	Jay Knavel
Hillcrest Chief:	Dan Neaverth Jr.

Others Present:

Howard Hoffman Jr. Windom	Peter Slotman, Hillcrest
Ed Jensen Jr. Orchard Park	Dave Roessler, Windom
Robert Baun, Windom	Chet Covers, Windom
Marylyn Weichmann, Windom	Ed Jensen Sr. Windom
Doug Wolf, Hillcrest	Larry Brand, Hillcrest

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:

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

Communications and Action on Same:

1. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: resignation of firefighter Benning. See new memberships and removals.
2. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: resignation of firefighter Wolf. See new memberships and removals.
3. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: new member. See new memberships and removals.
4. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of Hillcrest May 20, 21st June 9 and 11, 2017. Motion made by Commissioner Gill, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
5. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of Central May 6, 10, 19, 21, 21, 2017. Motion made by Commissioner Bodden, seconded by Commissioner Eiskant regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.

6. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: resignation of firefighter Slominski. See new memberships and removals.
7. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: new member. See new memberships and removals.
8. Letter from WNY Railroad Historical follow up letter regarding their "Touch a Truck" event July 2, 2017 at the depot. Basket.
9. Letter from Town of Orchard Park Town Clerk re: Dedication of Highway: Golden Oak Lane in the Riley Meadows Subdivision. Filed.
10. Letter from Absolute Care in Orchard Park re: oxygen use patients. Copy given to OP9-1. Filed.
11. Certificate of Insurance renewals. Filed.
12. Letter from Bryn Mawr Fire Company in PA re: sale of apparatus. Basket.
13. Letter from NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services re: Amendments to 9 NYCRR Part 6056 – Removal for Cause. Filed.
14. Letter from Town of Orchard Park Planning Dept. re: Solicitation for Lead Agency for the Town for 5285 Chestnut Ridge Road, "The Residents at the Ridge". Signed, copied, original to Planning Dept. Copy filed.

Treasurer's Report:

There are no transfers needed this month.

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

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

District Guy Carey:

1. Thank you to all who helped with the Quaker Road Fire.
2. Work Session will be May 30, 2017 7pm at Windom
3. If anyone has or knows of any defective equipment please contact OP10.

Orchard Park Assistant Chief, John Newell:

1. Thank you to the Board for FDIC
2. Recruit NY went very well. The combination of all three companies enabled us to have the largest turnout to date.
3. June 2, 2017 will be the Orchard Park High School prom demonstration. Will be at the high school at 8 am.
4. The breaker for OP 6 has to be repaired.
5. The washing machine needs repairing. Per the board will be there 9am on Thursday to fix.
6. There are several lights out in the truck bay at Central. Per the Board, Warning Electrical will come out and repair.
7. Last month there was talk from the Board regarding Niagara Medical coming out once a month to do physicals for new members as it is over a forty (40) minute drive to their offices. Per Commissioner Gill, he is working with Niagara Medical regarding that issue and also to possibly set up one more physical date.
8. Looking for approval for three (3) new members. Per Commissioner Gill the physicals are back for two (2) of them and will have to wait until the June meeting as Commissioner Gill is at the meeting via Skype and does not physically have the reports.
9. Need an additional eleven (11) pagers for new members. Per OP10 will have tomorrow.

Windom Chief, Jay Knavel:

1. Had the first drill at the new location on Taylor Road and would like an update as to when the District will be housed completely in the new location. Per Commissioner Bodden, there are four (4) issues that need to be addressed before the District can move in; the roof, the front bricked area is pulling away from the building, the power distribution system and the HVAC unit. Took some time to find a contractor willing to do all the repairs but finally have found one. The refurbishing of this building takes much more time as bidding out of work needs to be done and guidelines need to be followed. Not like a private company.
2. Would like to know why the sign is up if the District is not in the building. Per the Board, the sign is up to establish the building as a District building.
3. Will be doing the fund drive starting May 22, 2017 for approximately two (2) weeks.
4. There are two (2) races coming up on May 19, 2017: the Special Olympics from Windom to the Stadium and Kelly Tough which will be around the Stadium.
5. There will be three (3) classes at Windom: Engine Company OPS, Accident Victim Extrication and Rescue Tech Basics. The Engine Company Ops will be July 19 to August 11th Wednesday and Fridays starting at 6:30pm. The Auto Extrication Class will be Scheduled for June 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29, 2017 (Tuesday and Thursday nights. Will have the dates for the Rope Class by the June meeting.
6. Thank you to all for this past weekend.

Hillcrest Chief, Dan Neaverth Jr.:

1. Slowly getting into the new building. Thank you to all the members who have been watching the apparatus.
2. Buffalo, Erie and Niagara will be hosting the National Homeland Security Conference on June 6, 201. Should Hillcrest opt to participate they will take either H1 or 7 Wednesday, June 7, 2017 from 9am – noon. This is fine with the Board.

District EMS Officer, Tony Balester:

1. Classes “Pals” tonight at TREMS
2. There is CPR and re-cert classes all month long at Taylor Road TREMS.

Training: Given by OP10:

1. Training Officer Carey will meet with the Chiefs regarding updating the District Drills.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:*****Orchard Park*****

Motion made by Commissioner Bodden, seconded by Commissioner Wierzbowski to remove James Slominski from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

*****Hillcrest*****

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

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

Motion made by Commissioner Gill, seconded by Commissioner Bodden to accept Nicole Stowell to the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

*****Windom*****

Motion made by Commissioner Bodden, seconded by Commissioner Wierzbowski to accept James Slominski to the District Rolls (Transfer from Orchard Park). All in favor; motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Eiskant:

1. Thanks to all for FDIC

Commissioner Bodden:

1. OP 6 is waiting at Gorman for Firefighters Mrugalski and M. Carey to check to see if all is good. Then will be back in service. Will text OP Chief when it is back to that it may be toned out.
2. The Electrical Inspection is done and all electrical work at Hillcrest is on schedule.

Commissioner Wierzbowski:

1. Motion made by Commissioner Wierzbowski, seconded by Commissioner Bodden for all three (3) Companies to have their fund drives. All in favor; motion carried.\

Commissioner Gill:

1. Erie County has awarded Firefighters Chris Couell and Matt Girardi with the Regional Award for Vital Signs. The presentation will be July 19, 2017 in Wyoming County. Their names will then go to the State.
2. Will be running EMT class at Hillcrest in September for original and re-cert. 166 hours.
3. Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Bodden for improvement of the patio at Hillcrest to be paid for by the Fire Company. All in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Macheimer:

1. With regards to the letter given the three chiefs with attached information about firefighter qualifying with the needed drills, training etc. Letters are to be given to the Board each year regarding hardships whether there are any firefighters who have not made their requirements or not. This is not a disciplinary action but rather a preventative action.

Attorney Chelus:

1. Was asked by Commissioner Gill if he or any Commissioner can be present at a meeting via Skype. Any Commissioner can be present through a conference call so Skype is a type of conference call and is ok.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Per Ed Jensen Jr. Bieler Floor will clean and wax the new floors at Hillcrest on May 19,2017 so will put notice up to keep off for three (3) days. Will also purchase new cleaners etc. for that type of floor.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:

Motion made by Commissioner Eiskant, seconded by Commissioner Bodden that the bills be paid as presented for a total of \$57,376.98. 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 Wierzbowski that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary