

Minutes of Regular Meeting April 14, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioners Daly, Weitz and Chairman Woehrle

Also Present: Chief Lingenfelter, Chief Fritz, Captain J. Vena, FF/P Baker
Attorney Hayner, Treasurer Splendido and Secretary Versocki.

- Commissioner Murray attended via video conference call @ address:
11875 Hedgestone Court Naples, FL 34120

- Commissioner Pacheco was absent and excused.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Woehrle

Motion/ Weitz, 2nd/ Daly: To approve the March 10, 2021 regular meeting minutes as read.
Passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter from Grand Blvd. Fire Company member Josien Van Welie of 1359 Wemple Rd. Niskayuna, Ny 12309 resigning effect April 12, 2021. Please remove Ms. Van Welie from the Fire District rolls.
- A letter from Grand Blvd. Fire Company member Darleen Shafran of 46 Bluff Rd. Rexford, NY 12148 resigning effect April 12, 2021. Please remove Ms. Shafran from the Fire District rolls.
- A letter from The Grand Blvd. Fire Company stating that on April 12, 2021 the members voted to add the following person as a probationary firefighter member: Taylor LaFountain of 806 Plymouth Ave. Schenectady, NY 12308. Please vote to add Ms. LaFountain pending a complete physical and background checks.
- A letter from The Schenectady County Civil Service Commission stating that 19 names of persons listed are in an appropriate retirement system and certified through January 15, 2021.
- A document from The Association of Fire Districts of NYS certifying Robert Murray as satisfactorily completed The Commissioner Training Course on March 19, 2021.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: No Report.

BILLS: Commissioner Woehrle stated that he has reviewed all the bills.

Motion/ Daly, 2nd/ Weitz To pay bills for corresponding check #'s 17813 - 17854 From March 11, 2021 thru April 14, 2021 totaling \$141,199.48 as reviewed. Passed 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Splendido Reported:

- The reserve accounts as of the end of March 2021 were reviewed.
- The comparison sheets for March 2021 vs.2010 were reviewed.
- Budget versus actual expenses through March 2021 were reviewed.
We are 25% thru the year and have spent 28% of the budget. Due to up front spending and NYS retirement payment.

In addition:

- We received a 30% dividend from the workers compensation policy.
- The auditor has indicated no major problems with audit information. We are awaiting the final report.
- I still need the final LOSAP report. I have had trouble contacting the LOSAP Trustee.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No Report.

INSURANCE: No Report.

MEDIA RELATIONS: No Report.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Routine maintenance and repairs.
- Ambulances were sent out for preventive maintenance. Two of the ambulances needed brake work, one required a fuel heater unit.
- Truck 405 is scheduled for the annual aerial testing and testing of ground ladders on Thursday 4/15.
- The generator hydraulic pump was replaced on Engine 402.
- Annual hose testing is scheduled for 5/23/21.

COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Acture Solutions is near completion on the system upgrades. Server transfer should be completed by the end of the week.

EMS & EQUIPMENT: No Report.

HEALTH & SAFETY: No Report.

FACILITIES:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Fire alarm systems and personal alarm systems are now being monitored by Taylor Alarm.
- Apparatus bay floor drains were cleaned at both stations.
- National Grid was contacted to repair lawn damage to south lawn at Balltown Road station.
- Investigating repair/replacement of lighting outside bays at Balltown Road station. Parts not available. Replacement fixtures are approximately \$2200 each. Continuing to look at other options.

Commissioner Woehrle Reported:

- Discussing options for painting and gathering quotes.

ELECTIONS: No Report.

PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS: No Report.

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM: No Report.

INSPECTION & INSTALLATION: No Report.

REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Request to extend FF/Paramedic Pelliccia's illness leave to 5/12/21.
- FF/Paramedic Kaszuba has successfully completed his probationary period. **Recommend the board retain him as a permanent FF/Paramedic.**
- NFD 1 responded to a fire behind the Jewish Community Center on 4/10/21 involving large construction equipment tires that were discarded, woods, and brush covering near 4 acres. Crews were able to contain and extinguish the fire with assistance from the City of Schenectady, Alplaus FD, Rexford FD. NFD 2 was on standby in their station. No injuries were sustained. County Fire Coordinator also assisted. Five volunteers and 8 career staff responded.
- Working on a smoke detector installation and home safety survey program to be offered to residents of NFD 1.
- Crews responded to a difficult EMS incident. Stress debriefing resources were brought in to support our responders and the police department's.
- The Town of Niskayuna will be hosting an active shooter training/drill in 2021. Working with Niskayuna PD and Schenectady PD on planning.
- Request authorization for 8 personnel to attend NYSAFC hands on training in Round Lake. Registration cost is being covered by the GBFC. Approximately 64 hours of overtime would be incurred.
- The St. Patrick's Day drive through dinner was a great success with \$8000 being raised for Nisky Now to help feed our community families in need.
- 2021 year to date incident participation report is attached. Approximately 21% of the incidents had no volunteer response.

Chief Fritz : No Report.

• Department Activity	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
March Incidents	175	163
EMS	114	114
Fire/Other	61	49
Total YTD	456	534 (3/31)

Other Activities:

Emergency Callback	47 Staff Hours
Department Training	205 Staff Hours

Report of the Niskayuna Permanent Fireman's Association: FF/P Baker commented that the St. Patrick's fundraising dinner was a success and he thanked the Board of Fire Commissioners for their support.

Report of the Grand Boulevard Fire Company: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion/ Daly, Second/ Weitz: To retain FF/P Ronald Kazuba as a permanent FF/Paramedic. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Daly, Second/ Weitz: To grant FF/P Pellicia extended sick leave until May 12, 2021. Passed 5-0.

Motion/ Weitz, Second/ Daly: To approve up to 64 hours of overtime for 8 career members to attend NYSAFC HOT training in Round Lake, NY. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Daly, Second/ Weitz: To add Taylor LaFountain to The District rolls as a GBFC probationary firefighter pending a complete physical and background checks. Passed 5-0.

Motion/ Daly, Second/ Weitz: To remove Josien Van Welie from the Fire District rolls. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Daly, Second/ Weitz: To remove Darleen Shafran from the Fire District rolls. Passed 4-0.

Motion/ Daly, Second/ Weitz: To adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Passed 4-0.

The next regular business meeting will be held May 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Fire District No. 1 Secretary,

William J. Versocki