

Minutes of Regular Meeting November 10, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioners Weitz, Pacheco and Chairman Woehrle

Commissioner Murray was absent/excused.

Commissioner Daly was absent/excused.

Also Present: Chief Lingenfelter, Attorney Hayner, Treasurer Splendido and Bob Kordrupel (acting Secretary).

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

Motion/ Pacheco, 2nd/ Weitz: To approve the October 13, 2021, regular meeting minutes as read. Passed 3-0.

Motion/ Pacheco, 2nd/ Weitz: To approve the October 19, 2021, public budget hearing minutes as read. Passed 3-0.

Motion/ Pacheco, 2nd/ Weitz: To approve the October 19, 2021, special meeting to approve the 2022 Fire District budget minutes as read. Passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- An e-mail To the Schenectady County Civil Service from Chairman Woehrle requesting Niskayuna Fire District No. 1 be included in the next Firefighter/Paramedic exam in 2022.
- A letter from Edward Woehrle Jr. requesting his name be put on The Fire District No. 1 ballot for the election of a commissioner for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2022.
- A note of thanks from Ms. Joyce Jumper of 1200 Hillside Ave. Niskayuna, NY 12309 for the fireman who installed a smoke detector in her home.
- A note of thanks for EMS services from Mrs. Ruth Gilbert of 2150 Mountainview Ave. Niskayuna, NY 12309.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: No Report.

BILLS: Commissioner Woehrle has reviewed all the bills.

Motion/ Pacheco, 2nd/ Weitz To pay bills for corresponding check #'s 18102 - 18145 From October 14, 2021 thru November 10, 2021 totaling \$109,813.70 as reviewed. Passed 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Splendido Reported:

- The reserve accounts as of the end of October 2021 were reviewed.
- The comparison sheets for October 2021 vs.2010 were reviewed.
- Budget versus actual expenses through October 2021 were reviewed.
- We are 83% thru the year and have spent 79.7% of the budget.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No Report.

INSURANCE:

Commissioner Pacheco Reported:

- The New York State volunteer cancer benefit has announced changes to the program.

MEDIA RELATIONS: No Report.

APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Routine maintenance and repairs.
- Hydrant gate valves have been ordered.
- Radio cases for the new radios have been ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SERVICES:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- The new communication system in being implemented throughout the County.

EMS & EQUIPMENT: No Report.

HEALTH & SAFETY: No Report.

FACILITIES:

Chief Lingenfelter Reported:

- Paving at the River Road station is still a work in progress.
- Painters have completed the Balltown Road station painting project.

ELECTIONS:

Commissioner Pacheco Reported:

- The commissioner election will be held December 7, 2021, from 6 – 9 pm.

PROTECTIVE GEAR & UNIFORMS: No Report.

SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM:

Commissioner Weitz Reported:

- There is a new primary contact for McNeil and Company.

INSPECTION & INSTALLATION:

Commissioner Pacheco Reported:

- The tentative date for the Installation dinner is:
Friday January 28, 2022, at The Lighthouse Restaurant “At Water’s Edge”.
(Saturday’s date was given to another district).

REPORT OF THE CHIEFS:

Chief Lingenfelter’s Report:

- Volunteer Firefighter Ava Weakly completed the Basic Exterior Firefighter Operations program and will be starting the Interior Firefighter Operations program in the spring.
- Working with Schenectady County Civil Service on establishing an Executive Secretary I position for NFD 1. Requesting board authorization to move forward with a request to the Civil Service Commission to establish the position and approve the use of an existing county list of candidates.
- The active shooter/rescue task force training conducted on 10/16 and 10/17 was attended by four of our personnel. Feedback was very positive and new 800mhz radios were used during the exercises.
- The annual Toys for Tots drive is getting started. We will be hosting the stuff the truck event on November 27th.
- Request authorization for the fire company to utilize Truck 4075 and Car 408 to participate in the Schenectady Holiday Parade on November 20th.
- Fire prevention activities are near completion in the schools. Feedback from the schools on the options offered has been good.
- The full evacuation drill at Brookdale Senior Living on Union Street was conducted on 10/14/21.
- 2021 year to date incident participation report is attached. Approximately 27% of the incidents had no volunteer response.

• Department Activity	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
October Incidents	237	202	216	229
EMS	157	112	123	144
Fire/Other	80	90	93	85
 Total YTD (10/31)	 1845	 1742	 2011	 1936

Other Activities:

Emergency Callback	122 Staff Hours
Department Training	393 Staff Hours

Report of the Niskayuna Permanent Fireman's Association: No Report.

Report of the Grand Boulevard Fire Company: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion/ Weitz, Second/ Pacheco: To authorize Chief Lingenfelter moving forward with a request to the Civil Service Commission to establish the Executive Secretary position and approve the use of an existing county list of candidates. Passed 3-0.

Motion/ Pacheco, Second/ Weitz: To authorize the fire company to utilize Truck 4075 and Car 408 to participate in the Schenectady Holiday Parade on November 20th. Passed 3-0.

Motion/ Pacheco, Second/ Weitz: To go to Executive Session for a PFA contract Issue at 7:26 pm Passed 3-0.

Motion/ Weitz, Second/ Pacheco: To return to regular session at 7:34 pm Passed 3-0

Motion/ Weitz, Second/ Pacheco: To adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Passed 3-0.

The Commissioner Election will be on December 7, 2021, from 6 – 9 pm.

The next regular business meeting will be held December 8, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Fire District No. 1 Secretary,

William J. Versocki