

Coldenham Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
July 9, 2018

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Coldenham Fire District was held on July 9, 2018 at the Coldenham Fire House. Commissioner Keenan called the meeting to order and led the salute to our flag.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Joe Keenan, Warren Decker, Wayne Jacobowitz, Rickey Cameron and Anita Grecco.

Also, present: Mary Keenan, Secretary
Linda Miller, Treasurer
Chief Matt Hunt

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to dispense with the reading of the monthly meeting minutes of June 18, 2018 and accept them as written. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Communications

- Commissioner Keenan advised the board that we received our monthly statement from RBC Wealth Management on LOSAP. Statement balance as of June 30, 2018 is \$1,147,737.73 which is a change in value of about -\$9500.00.

Hall Requests

Glenn Keenan on October 6, 2018 for a baby shower. Deposit was not received.

A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to approve Glenn Keenan's request pending receipt of deposit check. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Public Discussion

Wanda Besser asked why we spent \$2000 on a speaker for Valley Central and if we are spending that kind of money why can't we put it toward Narcan training. Commissioner Keenan stated that the board has been discussing the speaker for the last three months and all the information is in the minutes. Regarding her Narcan question, Chief Hunt stated that we do not carry Narcan because it is our policy that we do not go into drug overdoses without the police department and they carry Narcan. Commissioner Decker added that it was his understanding that the police departments in the area are trained in the use of Narcan.

Committee Reports

Safety Committee: Commissioner Cameron advised the board that there was nothing new to report.

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Mack Restoration Committee: Commissioner Keenan spoke to Russ from Ruscon about having some electrical work done to the Mack. We'll have to get it down to the shop. He also has 6-volt accessories in stock. We will get it down there one Saturday and he can work on it over the summer and we'll get it back in time for the county parade.

Building or Property Committee: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that there was an issue with the air conditioning in the meeting room. Commissioner Jacobowitz thought that with the high temperatures lately and no real return air in the room, it caused the condensation.

Commissioner Keenan also advised the board that the door near 202 has been fixed.

Vent in Kitchen: Commissioner Jacobowitz mentioned that the vent/fan in the kitchen is not working well. He will get someone to look at it and advise.

Pressure Washer: Commissioner Jacobowitz stated that the pressure washer is not working. Chief Hunt said that they were using it Friday night and it just stopped. Commissioner Jacobowitz will check it out and let the board know.

Old Business

District Rules and Regulations Review: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that this is ongoing.

Fuel Audit: Chief Hunt will have it ready for the next meeting. Commissioner Jacobowitz will get with the Chief to complete the audit. Commissioner Keenan asked if Commissioner Jacobowitz had a chance to investigate the spike in the gas usage? He did not. Commissioner Keenan asked Commissioner Jacobowitz to see him after the meeting.

Life Insurance for Firefighters: Commissioner Keenan and President Aigner met to update the census. There are a few that their status is unknown. They are waiting to hear back from Frank Sangricoli. After that Commissioner Keenan will get the exact cost and the implementation date and advise the board.

Overhead Doors: Commissioner Decker hasn't heard from them as he has been away for the last two weeks with no phone service. Commissioner Keenan advised the board that they called him after calling Commissioner Decker. Commissioner Keenan opened the doors for them and everything was serviced, and we got the bill.

SAM (State and Municipal Facilities Program administered by DASNY): Commissioner Keenan advised the board that no one returns his calls or Commissioner Jacobowitz's calls or texts. Last month everyone involved was gung ho and this month no one gets back to you. Commissioner Jacobowitz will try one more time tomorrow and if he doesn't get an answer, we will have to move on.

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Plymovent: Commissioner Jacobowitz will give them a call again, for their recommendations and estimate. The system has been serviced.

LOSAP: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that this can be removed from the agenda.

Physicals: Commissioner Cameron reported that no member physicals have been completed. He is still waiting to hear about fit testing dates. He will contact them and get available dates.

Annual Training: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that three people have requested an extension and an additional three people who ignored us and are unable to respond. Commissioner Keenan also advised the board that we are working on adding the EMS training to the contract renewal in September.

Air Conditioning Issues: Commissioner Jacobowitz is getting quotes for upgrading air conditioning.

Public Speaker at VCHS: Commissioner Keenan stated that this was already discussed under public discussion.

Ongoing & Upcoming Projects

Office and Files Room Renovation: Commissioner Keenan advised the board this continues to be a work in progress.

Doors, Keys & Locks: On hold.

Surplus Equipment: Nothing currently.

Bay Floors: Commissioner Decker still has not heard from them. Commissioner Decker spoke to Charlie from Maybrook and he said that they haven't had any problems. Chief Hunt advised Commissioner Decker that Tim Besser knows the guy that does the floors and maybe he could help.

Blacktop: On hold.

New Business

Budget Workshop: Commissioner Keenan would like to schedule the budget workshop in August. Our monthly meeting is Monday, August the 13th. The 15th was proposed for the workshop. A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to hold a working dinner/budget workshop on Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried. The secretary will have the notice published in the Wallkill Valley Times.

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Central Hudson: Commissioner Grecco advised the board that Central Hudson would like to come out on July 19 between 8 and 12 to see if LED lighting would work to our advantage.

Hall Issue: Commissioner Grecco said that she was told that the hall was filthy when they came in to set up for the breakfast. She said that the boy scouts used it on a Monday and wanted to know if they could have left it a mess. Commissioner Keenan stated that the worst offenders of the hall are when the fire company has an event. The usual event is the monthly meeting, and everybody gets up and picks up the chairs and puts stuff away. Members spill coffee, food etc. on the floor and don't clean it up because they are in a hurry to get out of there. Some discussion ensued. Commissioner Keenan suggested that the president meet with the scouts and let them know that they need to make sure they clean up after themselves also. Commissioner Jacobowitz and Chief Hunt will relay the message to President Aigner, so this can be addressed to the scouts again.

Hall Usage: Commissioner Grecco wanted to know why the Ladies must have an issue that they can not come in earlier to set up for functions on three Saturdays. Commissioner Keenan asked if she was speaking on behalf of the ladies. She replied that she was. He told her that couldn't, and she was out of order. He then asked if Captain Gasperetti would like to speak on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary. She said that the Ladies wanted to know why they can't come in earlier? Commissioner Keenan said that they could if they requested it. He went on to say that sometimes the fire company or district needs the hall for a battalion meeting and the ladies meet in the upstairs room, with their ok. He added that if the band was asked ahead of time, arrangements could be made, so there is no issue. There was an issue once, and it was addressed. More discussion ensued. Commissioner Keenan suggested that the ladies speak to Donna to get her ok for them to use the hall. The district will not be in the middle of the two organizations.

Chief's Report

Membership

- New members: 0
- Qualified drivers: 0
- New Drivers Requested: 0
- Drivers dropped: 0
- Physicals: In progress
- Members passing probation: 0
- Members reinstated: 0
- Members dropped due to non-payment of dues 0
- Social Members dropped: 0
- Status switch: 0
- Members suspended: 0
- Members resigned: 0

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Apparatus Status

Ruscon was made aware of the issues with 203 and 208. Air leak in the front end of 203 and headlight unable to be replaced by members in 208. They are also going to address the issue with the fan on the motor being set to the wrong temperature, so the truck says it is overheating, when it is not. Also going to fix the arrow stick as only half of it works. The 208 Jake brake issue: Chief Hunt had Tim Besser drive it and he thinks it should be bought to Campbell as they do our servicing.

Further Information from the Chief

- Chief Hunt has a couple people that are going to start driver training like Fred Sylvester. Some are looking to phase into that role.
- Chief Hunt advised the board that there is one member on probation until August.
- Chief Hunt advised the board that we only lost 2 lengths of 5" hose during hose testing last week.
- Chief Hunt advised the board that he metal clean-up is in progress and should be done by the weekend.
- Chief Hunt advised the board that AAA was contacted, and they should be picking up all the broken SCBA components this week. And set up the yearly certification of the air compressor as well.
- Chief Hunt has a letter from Tim Besser asking permission to have beer for Country Nite. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Cameron to allow the fire company to sell beer at their Country Nite. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Hunt is working on the grant given by the DEC every year. He continues to look for other options for our SCBA dilemma and suggests using a grant writer.
- Chief Hunt has a bill from the Montgomery Fire District in the amount of \$54.25 to split the bill for the food for the DWI Drill with Montgomery, Maybrook, Walden and Coldenham. Commissioner Cameron said that this was started last year, and it should be billed to the fire Company. Bill given to fire company.

Further Information from the Commissioners

Nothing.

Information from the Treasurer/Secretary

Treasurer Miller advised the board that we received the 2% fire tax money from the state. A check for \$9574.69 was made to the Benevolent.

Approved Expenditures

None

Public Comments

None.

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Bills Signed

Commissioner Decker made a motion to pay bills if found correct, seconded by Commissioner Grecco. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

Budget to Actual Report

Commissioner Keenan acknowledged receipt of the Budget to Actual Report and it was reviewed.

Adjournment

Since all regular business was completed, Commissioner Decker moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Keenan
Secretary