

Coldenham Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
November 9, 2015

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Coldenham Fire District was held on November 9, 2015 at the Coldenham Fire House. Commissioner Besser opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call

Commissioners present: Tim Besser, Joe Keenan, Anita Grecco, Warren Decker. Wayne Jacobowitz arrived at 7:48 PM.

Also present: Mary Keenan, Secretary
Linda Miller, Treasurer
Frank Draiss, Chief
Matt Hunt, 1st Assistant Chief

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Grecco and seconded by Commissioner Decker to dispense with the reading of the monthly meeting minutes of October 12, 2015 and accept them as written. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Communications

- We received a letter from Dr. Basri from Health and Safety Specialists that they will continue with the current pricing for the coming year.
- We received the Association of Fire Districts of Orange County postcard informing us that they will have a meeting on November 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the EMS Center at 22 Wells Farm Road in Goshen. The topic for discussion will be the radio project presentation. We also received notice that the next meeting will be on December 1, 2015 at the Cronomer Valley Fire District at 7:30 PM.
- Received a letter from Sean Hucko, CPA, LLC offering his services as a certified public accountant.
- We received a letter from Central Hudson advising that during the next several months, crews will be working in the area to clear limbs and trees that may interfere with the electric lines.
- Commissioner Grecco advised the board that a letter was received concerning the meeting on November 16 to be hosted by County Executive Neuhaus to discuss the Orange County 700/800 system. She recommended that any Commissioner or Chief available should attend.
- Commissioner Grecco asked the secretary to write a thank you note to Karen Bakun for her donation of the filing cabinet.
- Keenan stated that we also received our monthly LOSAP investment statements, auto pay and payouts etc. He did not receive the monthly balance as of the end of October.
- Commissioner Besser advised the board that we received a letter from the Town of Montgomery Planning Board with a negative declaration for a site plan approval for

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the former Capital Gypsum site to become a tire installation facility. It also includes a separate use for the warehouse which would require them to put in a well and septic.

- Chief Draiss advised the board that he received a letter from Walter Koury, Commissioner of Orange County Emergency Services that they are overseeing the management of the steel lattice tower located at Cronomer Hill Park in the Town of Newburgh. Until further notice, access has been blocked and their consultant recommended that until the re-design and upgrades have been made, no one should come within 200' of the tower during periods of high winds, especially winds of 70 mph or higher. A copy of the letter is attached.

Hall Requests

- Kyle Miller on February 20, 2016 for a birthday party
- Colden Park Homeowner's Association on November 11, 2015 at 7:30 PM for a meeting
- Frank Sangricoli on November 18, 2015 for a union meeting

President Aigner asked to have March 12 and 13 put on the calendar for the Fire Company Breakfast.

Chief Draiss asked to have December 8 put on the calendar for the Company Holiday Party.

Checks were received by everyone and all dates are available. A motion was made by Commissioner Keenan and seconded by Commissioner Decker to approve the use of the 3 hall requests and fire company dates were noted on calendar. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Public Discussion

None.

Surplus Tires: No bids were received for the surplus tires. Secretary will update flyer to accept bids at next month's meeting.

Committee Reports

Space Committee and Surplus List: Nothing to report at this time.

Safety Committee: Chief Draiss advised the board that there was one incident and Safety Officer Cameron stated that the injury report has been submitted.

Mack Restoration Committee: Commissioner Keenan got a price from Bandag of \$1486.40 to replace all 6 tires, which includes tires, tubes, flaps, labor, mounting and dismounting. He also talked to Tommy Tersillo at Rapid Tire who said that they were real corded tires and would not replace them. He would not give Commissioner Keenan a price. Commissioner Keenan was going to go to Zeller's, but figured he would check with the board before proceeding. It was then suggested to have the rims refinished while the tires

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are off the truck. Commissioner Decker asked if Commissioner Keenan thought it was a safety issue. Commissioner Keenan replied that he thought it was. He will get another price from Zeller's and go back to Rapid and bring the information back to next month's meeting.

Building Repair Committee: Commissioner Jacobowitz spoke to the representative for the locks and they will be pricing it a different way. He also spoke to Joe from Arzees about getting prices for the building. He hopes to get together in a week or two to discuss our needs.

Commissioner Besser asked Commissioner Jacobowitz if he contacted our plumber about the downstairs bathroom. Commissioner Jacobowitz replied that he e-mailed and texted him with no response. He will continue to contact him.

Truck Committee: Commissioner Keenan and the committee met a couple of times and he has compiled a preliminary generic list of requirements. He plans to meet independently with four manufacturers to include Sutphen, KME, Seagraves and Spartan. He would like to meet on November 25 with Sutphen at 7:00 PM. He has called the other three, but no one has responded yet.

Old Business

Physicals: Letter received from Dr Basri. Chief Draiss commented that everyone needs to be on the same page. Prospective members are being sent for pre-employment physicals and getting a complete physical. Commissioner Besser will get something to the Chief and company within the next week or two.

Driver Qualification/Active Duty Criteria: Commissioner Besser reworked the active duty criteria. He has it on his thumb drive and will e-mail it to the board. We did not have our scheduled meeting after the budget hearing because there were only three board members in attendance. A workshop will be held on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 7:00PM. The notice will be placed in the Wallkill Valley Times.

LOSAP/Service Awards: Nothing new to report at this time.

Fuel Audit: Nothing new to report at this time.

Kaba Keys and Locks: Nothing new to report at this time.

Life insurance for Active Members: Commissioner Keenan suggested that this is revisited after the scheduled workshop.

Letters from NYS DOT and Fire District: Commissioner Besser advised the board that the data has been collected with regard to incidents at the intersection of Coldenham Road and Berea Road for the year. Commissioner Grecco will make an appointment to meet with Senator Larkin to discuss the issue.

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Drone Issue: We received another letter from the operator of the drone that was allegedly damaged at one of our calls. Commissioner Besser would like our attorney to respond to his letter. The board agreed that this would be a good idea. Commissioner Besser will send Mr. Simeone the letter we received and ask him to compose a letter for the board to approve before mailing.

Sign Issue: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that he and some others continue to make progress with the electric to the sign.

Snow Removal: Commissioner Decker spoke to Anthony Trapini from Belly Flop about the prices for this year's contract. Anthony verbally told Commissioner Decker that all the prices will remain the same for the current contract.

New Business

Violence in the Workplace Prevention and Sexual/Non Harassment Training:

Commissioner Keenan stated that we need to schedule a make-up session. He spoke to the Chief and it will be on November 22, 2015 at 9:00 AM.

Commissioner Election: Clerks for this year will be Cathy Keenan, Paula Cunningham and Wanda Rogers.

Chief's Report

Membership

- New members: 0
- Qualified drivers: 0
- New Drivers Requested: 0
- Drivers dropped: 0
- Physicals: On going
- Members passing probation: 0
- Members reinstated: 0
- Members dropped: 0
- Social Members dropped: 0
- Status switch: 0
- Members suspended: 0
- Members resigned: 0

Further Information from the Chief

- Chief Draiss would like to request beer and wine for their company holiday party on December 8. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Keenan to allow the company to have beer and wine at their holiday party on the 8th. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Draiss would like to hold a boot drive for a fund raiser on Friday, November 27, 2015 at the intersection of 17K and Rock Cut Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Keenan and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to allow the

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company to have a boot drive. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

- Chief Draiss advised the board that Paratech came and demonstrated stabilization struts. The cost to purchase it would be \$13,025.99. Commissioner Besser suggested that we allot \$15,000 from the capital reserve for firefighting equipment to cover the purchase and installation of this equipment. Commissioner Keenan made a resolution, subject to permissive referendum to allot \$15000 from the capital reserve for firefighting equipment to purchase and install the Paratech Highway Kit, 2 strut kits, 2 extension and converter kits and the rhino windshield cutter tool set along with installation on the truck. Commissioner Grecco seconded the resolution. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Resolution passed. 1st Assistant Chief Hunt will either get a protected territory letter or other bids as necessary.
- Chief Draiss would like to order five sets of gear. Each set costs \$3784.69 for a total of \$18923.45 which will leave \$2806 to finish outfitting the Fire Police. A motion was made by Commissioner Keenan and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to purchase 5 sets of gear at a total cost of \$18923.45. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Draiss advised the board that the intake valve on the ladder is horrible. He advised the board that they do make electric valves for about \$3000. Commissioner Besser thought a manual intake valve would be less than \$2000. A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Grecco to allow Chief Draiss to replace the intake valve not to exceed \$4,500. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Draiss needs to replace a pulse ox meter that has gone missing. He will purchase one to replace it.

Further Information from the Commissioners

Commissioner Keenan advised the board that some companies have been reimbursed for their time spent fighting fires at the Shawangunk Ridge. Commissioner Besser said that one fire district already sent a letter to Claudia Tenney who is our Assemblywoman. Commissioner Besser will draft a letter to see if we can get some reimbursement.

Information from the Treasurer/Secretary

Treasurer Miller advised the board that we are down to the last \$25,000 on the bond.

Treasurer Miller would like to transfer \$50,000 from the money market to the general fund. A motion was made by Commissioner Keenan and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to transfer \$50,000 from the money market to the general fund. Unanimous approval (5 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Treasurer Miller thanked the board for allowing Rowley Development Corp to hold their meeting here for the homeowner's association.

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Treasurer Miller advised the board that 2nd Assistant Chief Barbara Gasperetti had a \$5,000 budget for Fire Prevention. She spent \$4322.85 which left her under budget by \$677.15.

Approved Expenditures

Firefighting gear (5 sets)	\$18,923.45
Intake valve on ladder	up to 4,500.00

Public Discussion

None.

Bills Signed

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

Budget to Actual Report

Commissioner Besser advised the board that we received the budget to actual report from the Treasurer and it was reviewed.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Keenan
Secretary