

Coldenham Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
September 14, 2015

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Coldenham Fire District was held on September 14, 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, Warren Decker and Wayne Jacobowitz. Anita Grecco was out of town and excused.

Also present: Mary Keenan, Secretary
Linda Miller, Treasurer
Frank Draiss, Chief
Barbara Gasperetti, 2nd Assistant Chief

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to dispense with the reading of the monthly meeting minutes of August 10, 2015 and accept them as written. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Communications

- We received a thank you from the Fire Company for the newly purchased ice machine and the previously purchased refrigerator and freezer.
- We received a flyer from the Hudson Valley Guns and Hoses inviting us to the 4th Annual 9-11 Memorial Event on September 19 starting at 3 PM. It will be held at Dutchess Stadium in Fishkill NY. Paperwork was given to Chief Draiss.
- Fire District Affairs was received and distributed to the Commissioners.
- Commissioner Keenan stated that we also received our monthly LOSAP investment statements, auto pay and payouts etc. The balance as of August 31, 2015 was \$933,473.62, with a change in asset value of -34,924.62.
- Commissioner Keenan received another request for records pertaining to a deceased member. He will take care of it.
- Commissioner Keenan received some correspondence from Utica Mutual. They will not represent the former chief in the criminal action and the fire district is not named in the criminal action.
- Commissioner Besser composed a letter to C. Kingsley Onyeche from the New York State Department of Transportation in response to a letter Mr. Onyeche wrote to Mr. Joseph Stankavage of the Orange County Department of Public Works. He suggested that we send a copy of the original letter along with our response to the Wallkill Valley Times. Commissioner Jacobowitz stated that he approved of Commissioner Besser's letter and asked if we should forward both copies to the Times Herald Record. Commissioner Decker said that he thought it was good and it would show the community our concern and that we are trying everything that we possibly can to have the County do what they can do to change the speed limit. Commissioner

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Besser further suggested that we could give them just the DOT's letter to the county and see if they would want to write an article about it. We will come back to this.

- Commissioner Besser advised the board that we received the title for the new Tahoe along with the plates and confirmation of insurance.

Bids on 2008 Chief Vehicle: Commissioner Besser advised the board that he did post all the information on Craig's List. (Listing attached) We did not receive any phone calls or text messages requesting additional information. We received one bid from St. Regis Falls Volunteer Ambulance Corps in the amount of \$1500 for the 2008 Ford Expedition. We will bring this up again under new business.

Hall Requests

- Dale Cruver on October 11, 2015 from 10am to 6pm for a birthday party
- Jeremy Bissinger on October 27, 2015 from 7am to 3:30pm for the NY State DOT Safety Meeting
- Frances Joy for February 27, 2016 from 9am to 5pm for a bridal shower

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Decker to approve the use of the hall for the above requests. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Public Discussion

None.

Committee Reports

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

Safety Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Mack Restoration Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Building Repair Committee: Commissioner Jacobowitz advised the board that he has not had good luck with getting bids for the paving. His results are attached. Commissioner Keenan got an estimate from Ralph DiMartino of DiMartino Paving and Seal Coating for a total of \$9400. (Estimate attached) A motion was made by Commissioner Keenan and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to award the job to DiMartino Paving and Seal Coating to pave true and level low areas and then resurface entire asphalt on back barn area better known as Manzari Drive. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jacobowitz also made calls concerning the building repair needed. He has not received any calls back. Commissioner Besser suggested speaking to people who do steel buildings. Commissioner Jacobowitz said that he knew some people who do that and will try to contact them.

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Truck Committee: Commissioner Keenan would like to schedule a tentative committee meeting for September 29, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Old Business

Physicals: Nothing new at this time.

Driver Qualification/Active Duty Criteria: Commissioner Besser would like to finalize the policy manual on October 20, 2015 after the budget hearing.

LOSAP/Service Awards: Commissioner Keenan advised the board that PenFlex has paid out the total disability claim. He also suggests that we remit the yearly payment of \$85,000.

Fuel Audit: Nothing to report at this time.

Kaba Keys and Locks: Commissioner Jacobowitz submitted an estimate from Liberty Locksmith of Orange County. Commissioner Jacobowitz will try to schedule a meeting with the representative, Commissioner Besser and himself. Commissioner Keenan advised Commissioner Jacobowitz and Commissioner Decker that the door under the outside staircase needs to be replaced.

Command Vehicle: Chief Draiss advised the board that everything is good pertaining to the new command vehicle.

Life insurance for Active Members: Commissioner Keenan stated that this is a work in progress. Commissioner Besser suggested that the three major questions should be: at what age will it change or stop, who is covered and how much will it be.

New Business

2016 Budget Workshop: We met on August 31 and came up with a preliminary 2016 Budget which is attached. Commissioner Keenan would like it known that with the tax cap and the decrease in taxable ratables by about \$3,000,000 we had to really move things around and decrease some of our line items in order to get the 2016 budget where it is now.

2008 Ford Expedition Bid: A motion was made by Commissioner Keenan and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to accept the bid of \$1500 from St. Regis Falls Volunteer Ambulance Corps for the 2008 Ford Expedition "as is" with no implied or expressed warranties. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Fall Clean-up: A note was received from Anthony Trapini from Belly Flop offering his services for fall clean-up. He quoted that it would be \$100 an hour and capped at \$1500. He also states that it would take several days. After some discussion, this topic was tabled until next month.

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Snow Removal Bids for 2015-2016 Season: Commissioner Besser stated that we need to do snow removal bids and have them opened at the October meeting. Commissioner Decker said that we have a contract with the option to retain for one year, but if the board wants to go out to bid, that would be fine. Commissioner Besser said, "Whatever you guys want to do." Secretary Keenan asked, "You want the opening in October?" Commissioner Besser replied, "If we're going to go out to bid, we should." Commissioner Decker will write up the specs and the secretary will place the notice in the Times Herald Record.

Chief's Report

Membership

- New members: 0
- Qualified drivers: 1 Josh Heubach
- 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 advised the board that the exhaust is rotted out on Tanker 203. We sent it to Albany and today it went to Detroit.
- Chief Draiss advised the board that we have 7 people in Firefighter I class. Unfortunately, the books we got were out of date and new ones had to be ordered for a cost of about \$800.
- Chief Draiss advised the board that October 9 is Fire Prevention. Supplies have been ordered.
- Chief Draiss advised the board that Car 2 would like to host a water supply drill on October 10. A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobowitz and seconded by Commissioner Keenan to approve the purchase of food for the water supply drill on October 10. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.
- Chief Draiss advised the board that he bought another pallet of water.
- Chief Draiss advised the board that the pick-up is fixed. Commissioner Besser gave the estimates to Secretary Keenan to file.

Commissioner Keenan reminded the Chief that the year is coming to a close and there is \$21,000 on the personal protective equipment line.

Commissioner Besser advised the Chief that a new light post for truck 205 needs to be

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purchased. The light has been repaired and Commissioner Besser will bring it back on Wednesday.

Mike Keenan advised the Chief that the E-Z pass was left in 203. He says that it didn't register in Albany, but it did in Newburgh.

Further Information from the Commissioners

Commissioner Decker informed the board that both he and Treasurer Miller have contacted our waste removal company, Marangi Disposal about the pick-up time being too early. They told Treasurer Miller that it was noted in their computer that they were to pick up after 7:00 am. Commissioner Besser suggested that we send them a letter that says if you can't come at 7:00, we'll find somebody that can. A letter will be sent.

Information from the Treasurer/Secretary

Treasurer Miller reminded the board that we have yet to pay the tax abatements.

Treasurer Miller has an audit with the State Insurance Fund on August 25 at 11:30. She would like one of the Commissioners to be with her.

Treasurer Miller needs to move \$85,000 from the money market to the general fund checking. A motion was made by Commissioner Decker and seconded by Commissioner Jacobowitz to move \$85,000 from the money market to the general fund checking. Unanimous approval (4 ayes, 0 nays) was received by those in attendance. Motion carried.

Treasurer Miller stated that Commissioner Grecco needs more forms for hall rental.

Secretary Keenan stated that Commissioner Election is in December and if anyone wants to run, she has the form available.

Approved Expenditures

Food for drill	?
Pallet of water	?

Public Discussion

None.

Bills Signed

Commissioner Decker made a motion to pay bills if found correct, seconded by Commissioner Keenan. Unanimous approval (4 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.

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Adjournment

Since all regular business was completed, Commissioner Decker moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Keenan. Unanimous approval (3 ayes, 0 nays) by those in attendance was received. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Keenan
Secretary