

**ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2008**

Members Present:

**Francis J. Pandich, Chairman
Scott Costello, Secretary
Lewis Hoffer
Larry Vesely
Donald Battaglini**

Others Present:

**John Ruck, Chief
Thomas Kutz, Asst. Chief
Anthony Fiacco, Treasurer
Alice Fiacco, Administrative Assistant**

Meeting called to order at 6:46 PM by Treasurer Tony Fiacco who acted as Chairman.

- 1. Election of Officers:**
 - a) Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Vesely to nominate Francis Pandich as Chairman. All aye; motion carried. At this point Chairman Pandich took over chairing the meeting.**
 - b) Motion by Member Vesely, second by Member Hoffer to nominate Scott Costello as Secretary of the Fire District. All aye; motion carried.**
 - c) Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Vesely to appoint Anthony Fiacco as Treasurer for the Fire District. All aye; motion carried.**
 - d) Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Hoffer to appoint Mary Bricker as Deputy Treasurer of the Fire District. All aye; motion carried.**
- 2. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Vesely to hold meetings the third Tuesday of every month; meetings at 6:30 PM, work sessions at 6:00 PM. All aye; motion carried.**
- 3. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to designate the district's depositories the same as last year - M & T Bank. All aye; motion carried.**
- 4. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Battaglini to authorize the Treasurer to invest funds per the Endwell Fire District investment policy. All aye; motion carried.**
- 5. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Battaglini to authorize the Treasurer to pay utilities, payroll, debt service and special check requests as due. All aye; motion carried.**
- 6. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Battaglini to designate the Press & Sun Bulletin as the official newspaper of the Fire District. All aye; motion carried.**
- 7. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Battaglini to approve the following Committee Assignments for 2008:**

**Day-to-day operations/Facilities: Hoffer, Costello, Vesely
Equipment: Vesely, Battaglini
Long term planning/Finance/Budget: Pandich, Costello
Personnel/Training: Hoffer, Battaglini
All aye; motion carried.**
- 8. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Costello to approve the following Board Appointments for 2008:**

**Life & Honorary: Hoffer
Income & Contingency: Costello
Finance: Hoffer
Memorial Fund: Costello
By-Laws: Vesely
All aye; motion carried.**

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9. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Battaglini to approve all fire officers as elected by the O. L. Davis Fire Company:
Chief- John L. Ruck
1st Asst. Chief- Michael Kopcho
2nd Asst. Chief - Thomas Kutz
3rd Asst. Chief- Robert O. Brady
Captains - Jeff Winchell and Kevin Fiacco
- All aye; motion Carried.
10. The Treasurer presented all records for review. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to have Esserman & Pelter prepare the annual report. All aye; motion carried.
11. Salaries for 2008: Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Battaglini to increase salaries by 4%. All aye; motion carried.
12. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to appoint Oliver Blaise of Coughlin & Gerhart as our attorney for 2008. All aye; motion carried.
13. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Battaglini to approve the contract with Gance's Catering for the inspection dinner on February 2, 2008, and pay a \$200 deposit. All aye; motion carried.
14. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Hoffer to allow Maines to hold a job fair at our fire station; rental cost of \$200. Aye- 4, opposed - 1 (Member Costello). Motion carried.
15. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Vesely to pay Westbury Fence upon completion of the job. All aye; motion carried.
16. Discussion of quotes from Sentry alarms. Motion by Member Vesely, second by Member Costello to approve the quote for \$1,980 to change the alarm panel. All aye; motion carried. Member Costello was asked to get information on adding CO alarms and addressable detectors.
17. Discussion of Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Requested that the Chief send out letters to law enforcement agencies and the Town of Union advising that our EOC is available if they have some type of emergency or other situation where this would be helpful.
18. Chief had copy of a study recently done by Binghamton University. A study of fire departments was done as a result of the committee investigating the dissolution of the Village of Johnson City. The study does not include the Village of Endicott fire department. If the Johnson City is dissolved the study suggests that they retain a paid fire department and at some point supplement manpower with volunteers.
19. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Vesely to declare Squad 7 as surplus and begin to advertise it for sale. All aye; motion carried. Vehicle will stay in service until it is sold.
20. Chief advised that he is short on pagers and will be asking inactive members to turn in their pagers. He will send a letter out asking them to turn in their pagers.
21. Member Battaglini asked about the possibility of commissioners getting white turnout coats with "Commissioner" on the back to wear at the scene to identify them as commissioners. Discussion followed. Other commissioners felt that a jacket, similar to the black coats the chiefs have, with "Commissioner" on the back might be a better alternative.

Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Costello to adjourn at 7:45 . All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Scott J. Costello
Secretary**

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