

**ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

Members Present:

Francis J. Pandich, Jr. , Chairman
Scott Costello, Secretary
Lewis Hoffer
Larry Vesely

Others Present:

John Ruck, Chief
Tony Fiacco, Treasurer
Alice Fiacco, Administrative Assistant

Call to order 6:40 pm.

Motion by Member Vesely, second by Member Hoffer to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2008, meeting. All aye; motion carried.

The Treasurer reported that we are supposed to get our tax money from the town on February 22. Also noted that interest on the CDS has fallen so that the rate on the money market account is higher. As a result, he has put the prior year CD funds into the money market account to get more interest.

The 2007 state report has been filed. The audit by Barrett & Mahonski will start soon.

Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Vesely to accept the Treasurer's Report. All aye; motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors: None.

Unfinished Business:

1. Display Case: No report.
2. Concrete Ramp: No report.
3. Bushes at station #2: No report.
4. Endwell Family: We cannot cancel the parking agreement.
5. Ethics Committee: Still need one more person for committee- Larry will check with someone. Committee so far is Treasurer Tony Fiacco and Matt Cook, Endwell Resident.

New Business:

1. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Vesely to approve the February bills, vouchers # 02-001 to 02-081 totalling \$28,458.41 and 03-001 to 03-009 totalling \$1730.87. All aye; motion carried.

2. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to approve the petty cash report and reimburse the petty cash account for \$197.97. All aye; motion carried.

3. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to approve the following purchase requests:

Staples	line 11	Office supplies	\$237.35
Grainger	line 11	Batteries	\$26.98
Hawk Labeling	line 11	Tape for label maker	\$68.55
Allison Publishing	line 11	Updates for Fire Dept. Law manual	\$120.00
		(Two copies)	

All aye; motion carried.

4. Building report:

a) Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Vesely to accept the quote from Enviro-Tech for air monitoring for the asbestos removal project. All aye; motion carried.

b) Discussion of Kelly Cleaning bills. Question about whether they were actually here as billed. From now on we are requiring dates on the bill. Motion by Member Vesely, second by Member Hoffer to

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approve Kelly bill for \$300 for January for payment. All aye; motion carried.

- c) Motion by Member Vesely, second by Member Costello to have Ehrlich spray vegetation along the fence in the spring for \$341.00. All aye; motion carried.
- d) Guard rail quote - tabled until next month since Member Battaglini has been handling this.
- e) Discussion of whether a water softener might help some of our plumbing problems. Member Vesely will get some quotes on this.
- f) Working on specs for exterior patching & painting.
- g) Discussion of supplemental hot water heater for community kitchen since we run out of hot water.

5. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to approve the following events in the community room:

3/1/08	9 am to 5 pm	Binghamton Soccer Referees Meeting	No charge
4/6/08	10 am to noon	Brownie meeting	No charge
5/10/08	9 am to 4 pm	Sewing class	No charge
5/15/08	6 pm - 10 pm	Literacy Volunteers - Volunteer Recognition event	No charge
9/27-28/08	All day	Broome-Tioga Contract Bridge Club	\$200 per day plus \$50 security deposit

All aye; motion carried.

6. Chief's Report:

- a) Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to permit participation of personnel and trucks for St. Patrick's Parade in Binghamton on March 1. All aye; motion carried.
- b) Chief advised we had been turned down for AFG grant from FEMA and Factory Mutual grant for Toughbook computers. We did receive a \$5,000 grant from Assemblywoman Lupardo for new rescue rope systems which are now required by legislation.
- c) Need to change our license to narrow band. We need to contact Tri-County to have them do this.
- d) Discussion of Squad 7. We have had little interest here but a dealer from Tennessee has offered us \$10-\$12,000 which is more than we could get locally. Can we sell without accepting bids? Treasurer will check with Mike Wolyniak at State Comptroller's office. This is a 29-year old truck and the fair market value is not very much. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Vesely to allow Chief to sell outright if Comptroller's office says we can do this. All aye; motion carried.
- e) The AFG grant that was denied included money for new gear for all members. We are in need of gear, gear does not meet standards requiring DRD (drag rescue device) and needs a harness for new state requirements. Much of the gear is also old and worn. Looking at Janesville V-Force, estimated cost \$1800- \$2,000. Also looking at new boots for members. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to allocate \$50,000 from budget for the purchase of new turnout gear for members. All aye; motion carried.

7. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Vesely to accept the Training Division Report. All aye; motion carried.

8. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to accept the Support Services Division Report. All aye; motion carried.

9. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Vesely to accept the Maintenance Division Report. All aye; motion carried.

10. **Company report:**
 - a) **Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Vesely to accept John Hussar as a new member of the fire company. All aye; motion carried.**
 - b) **Greg Feal was dropped from the fire company for failure to pay dues.**
 - c) **Company requested permission to put a satellite dish on the building for television. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to permit fire company to install satellite dish on the roof. Complete information on location of dish, wires and all aspects of installation to be submitted to and okayed by Member Costello prior to installation. All aye; motion carried. Members suggested it could be mounted on the old mounting brackets where the roof fan used to be over the work out room.**
11. **Received letter from Robert Thomas, attorney for Margaret Pozzi at 344 Doyleson. Claims that we cut hedges on her property when putting in new fence. The only trimming we did was to remove a box elder tree that had grown up amidst the hedge. No hedges were trimmed on her side. We will address this when the weather improves.**
12. **Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to officially adopt a new policy regarding, sick, vacation and holiday pay. Policy went into effect June 1, 2006, for employees hired after that date. Official adoption was overlooked until now. All aye; motion carried.**
13. **Discussion of Brothers 2 fire call. We are hearing that asbestos may have been found in a floor that was cut for ventilation. Chief has advised he will announce at training, put in newsletter and recommend that anyone involved in this wash their gear. We will also notify Union Center and Vestal Fire since they had crews present.**
14. **NYS Recruitment Scholarship: In the past this has included fire company president, board chair and a person from M-E Dollars for Scholars. Chairman Pandich felt perhaps we should look for people who were not so familiar with our personnel. Despite the fact that names are masked some people may recognize the member from activities. Committee will be Matt Cook from Dollars for Scholars, Tony Fiacco from the Fire District. We will contact Ron Materese from the fire company to see if he is willing to be on the committee. We need to have the name in to the state by May 1st. Chairman Pandich would like to continue to serve on the committee but as a non-voting member.**
15. **Discussion of problem with board room computer. The new printer draws a lot of power and causes the computer to reboot whenever it comes on. Motion by Member Vesely, second by Member Hoffer to purchase a new power strip or UPS to prevent this. All aye; motion carried.**
16. **Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Vesely to purchase a new color laser printer for approximately \$600. All aye; motion carried.**
17. **Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Vesely to purchase new flat screen monitors for st #1, #2, radio room, SCBA room and officers room for approximately \$1,000. All aye; motion carried.**
18. **Motion by Member Vesely, second by Member Hoffer to purchase a new printer for the SCBA room. All aye; motion carried.**
19. **Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to purchase eight (8) storage racks from Sam's Club. All aye; motion carried.**
20. **Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to purchase storage boxes for not-to-exceed \$100. All aye; motion carried.**

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21. Discussion of pagers which were requested to be returned but have not been returned. Since Member Battaglini is on personnel committee he will be asked to try to get pagers returned from Thomas Vesely, Louis Caforio and Mark Baileys who are no longer active members and Richard Wrobleski who was dropped from the fire company for failure to meet hour requirements. These pagers are needed for new members.
22. The treasurer advised that the audit will begin shortly. This may require a lot of extra time for him and for the administrative assistant to track down information for the accountant.

Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Vesely to adjourn at 9:10 pm. All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott J. Costello
Secretary

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