

**ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2009**

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon 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 Costello, second by Member Vesely to appoint Anthony Fiacco as Treasurer for the Fire District. All aye; motion carried.**
 - d) Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Vesely 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 Vesely 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 Hoffer to authorize the Treasurer to invest funds per the Endwell Fire District investment policy. All aye; motion carried.**
- 5. Motion by Member Vesely, second by Member Hoffer to authorize the Treasurer to pay utilities, payroll, debt service and special check requests as due. All aye; motion carried.**
- 6. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to designate the Press & Sun Bulletin as the official newspaper of the Fire District. All aye; motion carried.**
- 7. Motion by Member Vesely, second by Member Hoffer to approve the following Committee Assignments for 2009:
Day-to-day operations/Facilities: Costello, Hoffer, Vesely
Equipment: Vesely, Battaglini
Long term planning/Finance/Budget: Pandich, Costello
Personnel/Training: Hoffer, Battaglini
All aye; motion carried.**
- 8. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Vesely to approve the following Board Appointments for 2009:
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 Vesely to approve all fire officers as elected by the O. L. Davis Fire Company:
Chief- John L. Ruck
1st Asst. Chief- Jeffrey Winchell
2nd Asst. Chief - Thomas Kutz
3rd Asst. Chief- Robert O. Brady
Day Captain - Richard Larson
Night Captain - Thomas Palazzo
Day Lieutenant - Matthew Winchell
Night Lieutenant - Matthew Hamzik
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 2009: Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to increase salaries by 4%. All aye; motion carried.
12. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Vesely to appoint Oliver Blaise of Coughlin & Gerhart as our attorney for 2009. All aye; motion carried.
13. Chief reported that we have been going to Marian Apartments quite often. He recently learned that Marian Apartments was not getting fined for these false alarms as former Chief, Louis Caforio, had notified Broome County not to fine them. Chief noted that other similar facilities are not having these constant alarms. When the building was remodeled we had requested a smoke curtain so that smoke from normal cooking did not set off the detectors but this was not done. They may have some options such as alarms that are set off by heavier smoke, a button on alarm to silence (we do not recommend this), or install a smoke curtain as we originally requested. Constant calls lead to apathy and our members do not respond as they assume its just another false alarm.
14. Discussion of keys. Don't always get keys returned when people leave or change position. Chief requested that the Board look into keyless entry for interior doors. It will give us better control over who comes and goes and we can turn off keys if they are not returned. Board will look into this.
15. Discussion of a fire district newsletter. This would be sent out to all members to make them aware or remind them of policies and procedures. Several items were mentioned. We will work on this.
16. Discussion of incentive dinner gift. Decided that we will give each person a small gift and then give them 2 points so that they may select something on their own.
17. Treasurer reported that we are currently \$7,000 in the red for 2008. The Board had anticipated that the funds for the Hovercraft would have to come out of prior year funds. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Vesely to permit the Treasurer to transfer funds from prior year to cover the cost of the Hovercraft (\$43,070) as needed. All aye; motion carried.

Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to adjourn at 12:55 pm . All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott J. Costello
Secretary

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