

**ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JUNE 15, 2010**

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Chairman Pandich called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Vesely to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2010 meeting. All aye; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Prior to the meeting Member Costello reviewed all the bank statements and Treasurer's Reports. The Treasurer reported that Esserman & Pelter has finally completed our year end report for the state and the information has now gone to Barrett & Mahonski to complete the audit. The first payment for the new bond issue has been made. 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. Land from Church of the Holy Family: The church advised that the land they were going to donate to us was accidentally included in the real estate listing for the old church that they are selling. They have an offer for this land and the buyer will not purchase this unless this area is included. As a result they cannot donate this land to us. They offered their apologies on this and have advised they will reimburse us for all legal fees. Coughlin & Gerhart will put together a bill and submit it to the Church for reimbursement.
2. Technology policy: No report.
3. Keyless entry: We received correspondence from the attorney for Marchuska Brothers questioning our award of the bid to Sentry Alarms for the keyless entry system, since Marchuska had the lowest bid. Our attorney, Oliver Blaise, has responded to their inquiries with our reasons for not awarding to Marchuska and he advised us to have Sentry Alarms proceed with the keyless entry installation
4. Paving - Station 1 & 3 need to be paved. Town is dumping fill at station #3 to extend the parking. Station #2 needs seal coating, we will get quotes on this.

New Business:

1. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Battaglini to approve the bills, vouchers #6-001 to 6-049 totalling \$50,969.05 and supplemental list, #07-001 to 07-008, totalling \$751.96. All aye; motion carried.
2. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Costello to approve the following purchase requests:

Staples	line 11	Office supplies	\$113.90
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All aye; motion carried.
3. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Hoffer to approve the line transfers submitted by the Treasurer. All aye; motion carried.
4. Building report:
 - a) We will move the gray cabinet out of the SCBA room.
 - b) Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Vesely to spend \$9,000 to replace the sewer line at station #1. All aye; motion carried. Member Battaglini will start to work on the RFP for replacement of the sewer line at station #1.

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5. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Costello to approve the following events in the community room:
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| 1/30/11 | Triple Cities Bike Club | meeting | No charge |
| 4/17/11 | Kiwanis Club | Pancake breakfast | \$50 security deposit |
- All aye; motion carried.

6. Chief's Report:

- a) Chief reported that all parties have signed the memo of understanding for the communication channel changes and this is now a go. The county has discovered that they have to add a repeater at Taft Ave so they will have less money to give us to purchase equipment. We are looking at approximately \$50,000 to \$54,000 to replace base station, mobile radios, portables and pagers. Chief advised that we should be able to sell the pagers and portables that we now have.
- b) Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Battaglini to pay half of the ticket price for fire company members and employees who attend the Broome County Firefighters' Clambake on August 22. All aye; motion carried.
- c) Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to permit the Chief to register and reserve rooms for the NYSAFC FIRE 2011, as we must register now to ensure rooms for next year. All aye; motion carried.
- d) Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Vesely to participate in the Central NY Fireman's Convention Parade on July 17, at Owego. All aye; motion carried.
- e) For next year's grant looking at adding a microphone to the SCBA mask at a cost of \$600 each. This will eliminate portables.
- f) As a result of a recent accident, an SOG has been added to driving procedures that will hopefully eliminate further accidents of this type.
- g) Need to do something about hydrant use. We requested use of the hydrant at Argonne and Davis Ave for training and the water works would not allow it. This is a serious problem as we need to train with the hydrants. Member Battaglini stated he would talk with Mayor Bertoni of Endicott to see if this could be resolved. If necessary perhaps we should meet with Endicott officials to try to work this out.
- h) Now that land donation from Christ the King is dead, Chief asked if he should pursue looking for land for a training site for us. The empty lots on the southside are designated "forever green" so that is out of the question.
- i) Chief reported they have changed the location of the pump panel to the rear of the vehicle which should result in a price decrease.
- j) Message board out front looks terrible and needs to be replaced.

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

7. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Battaglini to accept the Training Division Report. All aye; motion carried.
8. Motion by Member Battaglini, 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. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Battaglini to accept Richard Breault as a new member of the fire company. All aye; motion carried.
11. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to approve use of station #1 for the ice cream social on July 14, 2010. All aye; motion carried.
12. Discussion of background checks on applicants. Currently we can only do arson background checks. The Broome County Sheriff's Department will give us information on anything they find in New York State records, however anything out of state generally does not show up. We are interested in doing a criminal history. We will check with our attorney to see if this can be done.

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13. Also noted that the fire company had two applicants who received negative recommendations from the committee and as a result the fire company did not vote on their applications. Suggested we check with our attorney to see if, when we have applications where the membership committee has made a negative recommendation whether we should vote on this or decline to vote.
14. Commissioners were given copies of the report from Esserman and Pelter to review.
15. Discussion of false alarms. Currently the county gets all the fines from these and we are the ones wasting time and fuel to respond.
16. There is proposed legislation that will allow the town board to alter fire district's budgets after they have been finalized and submitted. We will send a letter to our representatives stating that we opposed such legislation.
17. We will raffle off the quilts donated by the quilters at the ice cream social.
18. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to purchase a Sharp color copier at a cost of \$6,352.00 plus maintenance contract of \$450.00 per year. All aye; motion carried.
19. Discussion of changing meeting dates. The July and August meetings will be changed from Tuesday to Thursday of the same week. July meeting will now be on July 22 and August meeting on August 19.

Motion by Member Vesely, second by Member Costello to adjourn at 7:50 pm. All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott J. Costello
Secretary

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