ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING APRIL 21, 2009

Members Present:

Francis J. Pandich, Jr. , Chairman Scott J. Costello, Secretary Lewis Hoffer Others Present: John Ruck, Chief Tom Kutz, Asst. Chief David Wormuth Tony Fiacco, Treasurer Alice Fiacco, Administrative Assistant

Call to order 6:30 pm.

Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009, 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 one bond payment was made this month and the next one is due on May 15th.

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

Hearing of Visitors: Two members of the Animal Care Council attended to ask the Board to reconsider allowing them to hold their garage sale at the fire station. This was one of their biggest fundraisers and they have not been able to find a place they could afford to hold it. They apologized for the problems last time, they had a new person running the sale who allowed dropped off items to pile up in the hallways. They have promised they will be more organized this time. They will have more days beforehand to get organized, have a dumpster to get rid of items, have more volunteers for pricing and will police the parking lot for people parking in the wrong places. The Board okayed them using the hall again. They were told to contact the office to set up a date and we will see how it goes this time.

Unfinished Business:

1. According to the Board from Church of the Holy Family, the lot at the corner of Davis and Argonne should have already been signed over to us. They do not know what the hold up is. Chief will contact their attorney to see what is going on.

New Business:

- 1. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to approve the bills for payment, vouchers # 04-001 to #04-059 totalling \$58,554.63 and supplement, vouchers # 05-001 to 05-006, totalling \$4,096.13. All aye; motion carried.
- 2. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to approve the petty cash report and reimburse petty cash \$99.98. All aye; motion carried.
- Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to approve the following purchase request: Staples.
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 office supplies
 \$157.16
 All aye; motion carried.
- 4. Building Report:
 - a) Discussion of getting I am responding running at stations 2 & 3. We will need to purchase two new computers and monitors.
 - b) Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to have Ehrlich spray vegetation at station #1 for \$341.00. All aye; motion carried.
 - c) Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to have Carlin Landscaping do the mowing at station #3. All aye; motion carried.
 - d) There was a discussion of the station #3 sewer line. Member Battaglini is working on this.
 - e) Noted that many areas at stations 1 & 3 need blacktop patched.
 - f) Discussion of keyless entry systems for several doors. Member Costello will continue to research options.
- 5. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to approve the following in the community room:
 - 5/6/09 **Czech Society of America** meeting w/ speaker No charge 6/13/09 **Tri-Cities Bowling League** Meeting No charge 7/01/09 Red Cross blood drive co-sponsored w/ Church Holy Family No charge 12/07/09 Endwell Garden Club Poinsettia distribution No charge Broome County Board of Elections - classes for tellers per list attached. All aye; motion carried.

6. Chief's Report.

- a) Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to allow participation with apparatus, members and auxiliary to attend the Apalachin Firemen's Parade on June 6. All aye; motion carried.
- b) Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to permit members to attend the Harrisburg Fire Show. District to pay entrance fee, parking and breakfast. All aye; motion carried.
- c) Chief reported that he has heard there will be a fire station grant program from FEMA suggested board may want to consider this to replace station #3.
- d) The agreement for use of the ATV with UVES has been finalized.
- e) Chief is still trying to check on the status of the Hovercraft.
- f) Looking at applying for an AFG Grant, trying to decide what to request.
- g) Hydrants Endicott water still will not let us use hydrants. Chief will send a second letter to Endicott Mayor John Bertoni to try to change this.
- h) Discussion of chassis. We could save money by purchasing a chassis on state bid for \$10-\$15,000 and having truck built on this. Build out date is May 1st so we would have to act quickly. Board discussed but not certain when we will get bond funds. Also have had problems in the past with buying chassis and having truck built on it; manufacturers tend to blame each other for problems and we don't get the problems resolved. Would prefer to have one manufacturer do the whole truck.
- i) Board authorized the Chief to proceed with driving as usual despite CDL requirement which state still has not fixed.
- 7. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to approve the Training Division Report. All aye; motion carried.
- 8. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to accept the Support Services Report. All aye; motion carried.
- 9. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to accept the Maintenance Division Report. All aye; motion carried.
- 10. Discussion of upcoming bond issue. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to go out for 20-year bonds. All aye; motion carried.
- 11. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to accept donations and put them in the AED Fund. All aye; motion carried.
- 12. Discussion of insurance renewals. Our agent, Bill Van Gorder of Mang Insurance, would like to attend May meeting to discuss.
- 13. Noted that Larry Vesely is still recovering from surgery and is doing okay but it will be a while before he is back in service.

Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Hoffer to adjourn at 8:10 pm. All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott J. Costello Secretary

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