# ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2010

**Members Present:** 

Francis J. Pandich, Jr., Chairman Scott Costello, Secretary Lewis Hoffer **Others Present:** 

John Ruck, Chief Thomas Kutz, Asst. Chief Jake Polovchak Matt Winchell Anthony Fiacco, Treasurer Alice Fiacco, Administrative Assistant

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

Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2010, meeting and September 28, 2010, special meeting. All aye; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Prior to the meeting Member Costello reviewed all the bank statements and Treasurer's Reports. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to approve the Treasurer's Report. All aye; motion carried.

### **Hearing of Visitors:**

Matt Winchell commented on the report that the transmission fluid was low in the tower. He advised that after they had experienced some problems with the truck they checked the fluid and the level was reading okay.

Question from Jake Polovchak on why we did not allow the tower to be used for the golf ball drop (fundraiser) by M-E High School? When they called the tower was out being serviced and we were not certain when it would be back so we could not commit to participating in the event.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Technology policy: No report.
- 2. Paving station #1. No report.
- 3. Sewer line, st#1: No report.
- 2011 Budget: We received information from our attorney about the additional public hearings that were mentioned in the Fire District Newsletter. According to him these are optional.

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to approve the bills, vouchers #10-001 to #10-048 totalling \$80,657.72 and 11-001 to 11-012 totalling \$6,550.61. All aye; motion carried.
- 2. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to accept the petty cash report and reimburse petty cash for \$119.99. All aye; motion carried.
- Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to approve the following purchase requests:
   Staples Office supplies \$33.74
   All aye; motion carried.
- 4. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to approve the line transfers submitted. All aye; motion carried.
- 5. Building report:
  - a) Don Battaglini said he will check the potholes and see if he can get them patched for us.
  - b) in the spring we will replace the board the Plymovent motor is on.
  - c) The upstairs bathroom is supposed to be locked. We will get some estimates for remodeling this bathroom.
  - d) Keyless entry system is complete, just waiting for the new handles to change over the old key locks.
  - e) Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to purchase six (6) new coffee pots for the community room. All aye; motion carried.
  - f) We will have a sign made for the back doors asking that they not be propped open.

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

11/21/10 Nancy Kamperman —E Swim Team banquet \$50 security deposit 12/7/10 Marilyn Conner Susuquenango Kennel Club dinner \$50 security deposit All aye; motion carried.

#### 7. Chief's Report:

- Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to approve participation in the following parades: West Endicott Halloween Parade - October 31, 2010 Endicott Veteran's Day Parade - November 11, 2010 Binghamton Holiday Parade - November 20, 2010 All aye; motion carried.
- b) Discussion of smoke alarm give away. The Chief will be attending a meeting on this soon.
- c) Discussion on an Incident Management Team in Western Broome County. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer for the Chief to meet to explore this. All aye; motion carried.
- d) Discussion of detail uniform. The Chief has prices and is putting together an SOG on this, he will have it for the board next month.
- e) Discussion of radio system. Radios, pagers and portables are in and programmed. The County stuff is also in. Have heard December 1 as a start date, but nothing definite. Once we switch over we can sell our old pagers and portables. We have already had interest in purchasing those from other county departments.

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

- 8. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to accept the Training Division Report. All aye; motion carried.
- 9. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to accept the Support Services Division Report. All aye; motion carried.
- 10. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to accept the Maintenance Division Report. All aye; motion carried.
- 11. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to appoint the following election board: chairperson-Patricia Vesely and tellers- Theresa Shara and Robert A. Brady. All aye; motion carried.
- 12. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to hold the 2010 annual election on Tuesday, December 14, from 6 pm to 9 pm. All aye; motion carried. We will have to use paper ballots this year. Alice Fiacco is going up to see the clerk of the Binghamton School District to find out about how they are doing the school district elections with paper ballots.
- 13. Discussion of 2011 budget. No one attended the public hearing held on Tuesday, October 10. Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to approve the 2011 fire district budget for \$860,213. Despite an increase in spending, the tax rate should now decrease by .96% due to new PILOT money and the increase in assessed evaluation. All aye; motion carried.
- 14. Discussion of 2011 Inspection Dinner. Tentatively scheduled for January 29, 2011. We will get prices from some caterers.
- 15. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to discontinue the contract on the rip and run software as we do not use the software now that I am responding is handling text messages and displaying call information. All aye; motion carried.
- 16. Member Costello reported that he is looking at electronic signs.
- 17. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to spend \$200 to replace rope and hardware for the flagpoles at stations 1, 2 and 3. All aye; motion carried.
- 18. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Costello to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:40 pm.

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19. Out of executive session at 7:50 pm.	
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Motion by Member Costello, second by Member Hoffer to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott J. Costello Secretary

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