

CHARLTON FIRE DISTRICT  
786 Charlton Road  
Charlton, NY 12019

November 2008  
11/1/2008

## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Meeting called to order: 9:05 am

### COMMISSIONERS in Attendance:

Dave Milne	Yes
Doug Sargent	Yes
Kevin O'Connor	Yes
Bill Heilman	Yes
Duane Rabideau	Yes

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from American Red Cross; tentative date for blood drive
- Prices from Dave Bertrand for furniture; to be discussed under old business

### MINUTES

Dave Milne asked for a motion to accept the minutes from October and the public budget hearing, Doug Sargent made the motion, Kevin O'Connor 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion approved.

### TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer's report reviewed, no purchase orders or bills to review. Regular bills were paid in October in the amount of \$14,229.59. Regular bills have been paid on time. Interest had not been posted as of the meeting. Kevin O'Connor made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Doug Sargent 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried.

### CHIEF'S REPORT

#### CALLS FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH: 19

EMS	11
Fire/Structure	3
Mutual Aid	1
Pump Outs	1
Hazmat	1
Electrical	1
Fire Alarm	1

- Fit Testing is complete; two fit tests left to be conducted Dave Milne; Jim Anderson
- Flu Shots completed except for Kevin O'Connor
- Paul Wilde called and would like to know if a decision can be made regarding 185 ASAP; Paul will scrap if you want him to. Bill Heilman mentioned that we can scrap it ourselves. Dean and Bill stated that we can get it running and bring it back to the station.
- Smoke Machine beyond economical repair, the part to replace appr. \$700. A new machine will cost between \$900-1,000. End of year purchase?
- New cabinet installed.
- Dave Milne asked the chief about the parades for Xmas, Dean stated it will be brought up at the December meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Lights: Dean forgot, will have information for Dec. meeting.
- Parking lot: Kevin has not heard anything, he will call Hayes again.
- Tables and chairs. Dean saw Dave Bertrand at the Halloween party, Dave stated he may be able to get better pricing at the end of the year. The commissioners are looking for three quotes, they felt Dave's prices were too high. The secretary will review for the next meeting.
- CT Male; Rich sent an email asking if everyone was happy with the last design? Yes they are. The Chief asked if the revamped design included a door at the back of the building? The secretary will check the drawing and email Rich if necessary. Kevin suggested that if a door was not added, it could be added next to the bay doors. The secretary is to set up a meeting with Rich for December after the regular meeting.
- County is not buying pagers, the district will have to buy these. We are getting a radio or a portable. It was asked if the fire police would get the old radios. At this time the frequency is being kept so the old radios could go to the fire police.
- E185: Kevin stated he would buy it. Dean made the comment how the truck worked for him and Bill Heilman prior going to Wilde. Now it won't run and the pump is cracked? Dave Milne stated we should get it running and bring it back. Doug Sargent made a motion to recover and bring back 185, Bill Heilman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried.
- Renovations: no word yet on renovations, Duane stated that nothing should be said, the commissioners should wait until the committee comes to the board.
- The secretary is to call Time Warner again regarding burying the cable.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Christmas parades; Dean does not have any information yet. The Schenectady parade info came in and the dept threw it out. Kevin said no one wants to go since they cannot hand out candy. The department has not heard anything from Ballston Spa yet.

- The secretary asked the Board to review and pass the budget: Kevin O'Connor made a motion accepting the budget for 2009, Duane Rabideau 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried. Bill Heilman suggested review actual to budget amounts for next year, since he feels the chief's budget keeps increasing. The treasurer stated the chief's budget did not go up last year, it went down. This is the first increase in a couple of years. If the budget process was to be prepared per the manual, the board would not be budgeting maintenance, truck repairs or fuel. Per the manual the Chief would be handling 80% or more of the budgetary process; Charlton has never completed the budget this way. The Chief explained that there are requirements this year like the vests which are included and also the \$25,000 set aside for the radio system. The Chief was asked by Dave Milne if enough vests were included in the budget, Dean stated that all were accounted for.

As of Tuesday, the departments will receive 50 pagers and 2 portables per the county and the article in the paper. Things could change again so it is a wait and see. Bill asked about the old frequency, the chief stated they will run both for a year. The old frequency can be used for fire police. The new system works on incident frequency.

- Kevin O'Connor made a motion for the Secretary to run the elections and hire poll sitters for December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008

- Smoke machine; next month

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: None**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:50 a.m.**