

WALDEN FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 10, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Walden Fire District was called to order by Chairman Penney at 6:30pm.

The pledge to the flag was led by Chairman Rick Penney.

Moment of silence for Ruth Jones FHL Auxiliary 50 year member.

Roll Call: Chairman	Rick Penney
Commissioners	Roy Werner
	Dave Kurtz
	Bob Montanaro
Absent	John Stabner
Secretary	Denise Miller
Attorney	Brad Pinsky
Financial	Nicole Brown

Bids- Opened sealed bids from Toshi & Co. P.C. from Williamsville, NY and Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. of Montgomery, NY. Commissioner Montanaro made a motion to hold over until New Business while Attorney Pinsky reviews bids 2nd by Commissioner Werner, carried.

Executive Session- Commissioner Montanaro motioned for an executive session at 6:36pm, pursuant to Public Officers law Article 7, section 105-f Personnel, and 2nd by Commissioner Werner, carried. Commissioner Montanaro motioned to open the meeting at 7:34pm, 2nd by Commissioner Werner, carried.

Minutes of January 13, 2014 – minutes of the organizational meeting approved with corrections on page 2 motion made by Commissioner Werner, 2nd by Commissioner Montanaro, carried. The regular meeting minutes were accepted on a motion by Commissioner Montanaro 2nd by Commissioner Werner carried.

Financial report –Commissioner Kurtz made a motion to accept as read, 2nd by Commissioner Werner carried.

Disbursements – Commissioner Kurtz made a motion to pay all bills, if found correct, 2nd by Commissioner Montanaro, carried.

Correspondence- read, Commissioner Werner made a motion to hold over for new business, 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Received: Mileage reports

ESCO (roster & officer list)

OH (new member and hall use)

FHL (roster & officer list)

CBH (hall use)

Melissa Nelson (hall use)

Chief's report

Chief Doherty was absent his received report consisted of a structure fire that went well with no issues. Looking into getting 4 thermal imaging cameras, and that 237 and 240 cameras are being repaired, and 3 ABC were received Tim Miller, Devin Ramcharitar and Shane Salyer.

Old Business:

Committees-

- a. **100 Run Club-** waiting on more information
- b. **Funeral Detail-** Assist Chief McNeely states he is working on a shorter version
- c. **Uniforms-** Commissioner Kurtz states they are waiting to hear back from the company's if the membership is willing to switch to the District suggested uniform which isn't much different than what they already have.
- d. **LOSAP-** Chairman Penney states they will be auditing records.
- e. **Truck-** Assist Chief McNeely states 240 is back in service and that some of the committee members went to KME.

Social Hall Project- Commissioner Werner states they met with Architects from Pacheco Ross, Commissioner Werner suggested replacing the Air Conditioning units we'll need two written quotes by the March meeting.

30 N. Montg. St. - Chairman Penney suggests purchasing a back generator need prices for the March meeting.

Legal Matters- Commissioner Werner spoke to NYSEG and they are waiting until spring to drill the holes for the training tower. Assist Chief McNeely is working on plans for the structure.

Account Clerk- Chairman Penney states paperwork was submitted to the County.

Miscellaneous- New computer in the Chiefs Office, and the new phones are in.

New Business:

Correspondence-

CBH- Mayhem & Madness Comedy Show fundraiser May 3, 2014 Chairperson Brian Beadle & Mike Munger. Motion to accept by Commissioner Montanaro 2nd by Chairman Penney, carried.

FHL submitted a copy of their company roster/Officer List.

ESCO submitted a copy of their company roster/Officer List.

OH Auxiliary submitted a copy of their company roster/Officer List.

OH- Easter Breakfast fundraiser April 20, 2014 and set up April 19th contact person Denise Miller, Commissioner Montanaro made a motion to accept 2nd by Chairman Penney, carried.

Humane Society - requesting use of the Social Hall on November 8, 2014 for a fundraiser with rental fee waived, contact person is Melissa Nelson motion to accept by Commissioner Montanaro 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

New Members- Devin Ramcharitar, Shane Salyer and Timothy Miller all of Walden accepted on a motion by Commissioner Montanaro 2nd by Commissioner Werner to Membership of **Orange Hose**, carried.

NYS & Local Retirement System- Chairman Penney suggested that the Board looks into participating in the NYS and Local Retirement System for the employees. Attorney Pinsky states that Chairman Penney can't not be a participant of any discussions or present at the meeting reading said program due to a conflict of interest. Commissioner Montanaro made a motion that Commissioner Werner will handle gathering any information regarding enrollment and to send a letter requesting information 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried. Chairman Penney Abstained.

Employee Payroll- Commissioner Werner made a motion to pay employees bi-weekly 2nd by Commissioner Montanaro, carried. Nicole states it will be done through direct deposit.

Miscellaneous- Commissioner Montanaro made a motion to allow Assist Chief Williams to attend Code Enforcement Officials Education Conference at the Poughkeepsie Grand on April 23, 24 & 25, 2014, costs will be \$300.00. 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Commissioner Kurtz made a motion to purchase cell phones for the employees 2nd by Commissioner Montanaro, carried. Chairman Penney abstained.

Public Comment- Jim Totonis asked what the clarification of an active member was, Commissioner Werner read the policy regarding. Commissioner Kurtz made a motion that Commissioner Werner and the Chief in charge of training amend the policies to reflect the qualifications clearer 2nd by Commissioner Montanaro, carried.

Executive Session- Commissioner Montanaro motioned for an executive session at 8:50pm, pursuant to Public Officers law Article 7, section 105-f regarding MHE, 2nd by Commissioner Werner, carried. Commissioner Montanaro motioned to open the meeting at 9:06pm, 2nd by Commissioner Werner, carried.

Commissioner Werner made a motion that Attorney Pinsky contact MHE regarding their letter 2nd by Commissioner Montanaro, carried.

Commissioner Kurtz made a motion to accept the Service Award Program 2nd by Commissioner Werner, carried.

Commissioner Werner made a motion to award the Auditing Bid to Toshi & Co. P.C. locked in a 5 year plan at the following pricing. 2013 \$6,500. 2014 \$6,600. 2015 \$6,700. 2016 \$6,800. 2017 \$6,900. 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Commissioner Montanaro made a motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm 2nd by Chairman Penney, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Miller, Secretary
Walden Fire District