

Verdoy Fire District

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Present were:

Commissioners Germaine (PG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Counselor Terry Hannigan	<input type="checkbox"/>	President Jasiewicz	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Leonardo (DL)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Counselor Tim Hannigan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Secretary Vroman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Russell (PR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief DiNovo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer Scimeca	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Vroman (LV)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Serio	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Bentley (PB)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Warner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

The May 25, 2017 Commissioners Meeting of the Verdoy Fire District was called to order at the Verdoy Fire Department Commissioner Patrick Germaine at 7:31 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approve Minutes:

April 27, 2017 Commissioner Meeting Minutes approved with changes to bill abstract.

MOTION: DL

SECOND: PB

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

- Changes to April bill abstract
 - o Change Comtech from \$104.95 to \$104.05
 - o Added travel advances for Ryan Leonardo, Chris VanBlarcom, and Corey Friedman in the amount of \$349 per person
 - o Changed amount to Ensign from \$27,995.00 to \$6,000.00 as initial deposit
 - o Town of Colonie for \$50 for sign permit

Treasurer's Report:

As of April 30, 2017, District Funds totaled \$946,083.89

MOTION: DL

SECOND: PR

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

Payment of Bills:

The bills were reviewed and approved in addition to the review of the abstract.

MOTION: LV

SECOND: PB

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

- Question on whether or not we have received a final bill from Workfit Medical; No we haven't, Chief DiNovo will look into obtaining such.

- Lengthy discussion on the purchase/reimbursement of the Auxiliary gift card for \$500; will be used for snow standbys and signal 30s. All receipts for items purchase will be given to the Chief each month for audit purposes. Will be handled like petty cash account is.

Correspondence:

- Thank you notice from the Chief of Police for the use of our Community Room for their awards ceremony.
- Notice from the President of the Verdox Fire Association looking for acceptance by the board of Michael Ambrosio who was approved by the Association on May 8th, 2017. Motion was made to approve Michael pending all paperwork is received back and he is cleared to begin.
MOTION: PB
SECOND: PR
VOTE: PR – Aye, DL – Nay, LV – Nay, PB – Aye, PG – Aye; Motion passed
- Notice from SimplexGrinnell on past due balance.

Open to the Public: Present from the public was Elliot Friedman and Jonathan Politis

Association President's Report: No report

Attorney Hannigan Report:

- A Conflict of Interest Disclosure was prepared for Chief DiNovo to sign in regards to his part-time employment with Vander Molen Fire Apparatus Sales & Service; Chief DiNovo signed such document in the presence of the Board of Fire Commissioners as well as Tim Hannigan the district's attorney.

Reports of Commissioners:

Commissioner Leonardo

- Lengthy discussion on SimplexGrinnell bills past & present. Requesting up to \$2500 to pay past due bill for services performed.
MOTION: LV
SECOND: PB
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried
- Brief discussion on a permit for the alarm system through the Town of Colonie (see "purchases" for more information)
- Brief discussion on Hart Alarm monitoring contract (see "purchases" for more information)

Commissioner Russell

- The compressor and the dryer on being advertised through Craigslist as well as through the Association of Fire Districts of the Capital Region.
- Brief discussion on the garage door openers in the apparatus; looking into alternative options going forward for improved signal and traffic light control.

- Lengthy discussion on options for docking Boat 11. The recommendation for now is to leave the boat in the station until late spring, dock the boat during the boating season at Blains Bay from May 15, 2017 to October 15, 2017, then return the boat to the station for the winter months. Being that May 15 has already passed, motion is to get the boat in the water at Blains Bay as soon as possible for a total cost not to exceed \$875.00.

MOTION: DL

SECOND: PB

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

- Having the boat in the water at Blains Bay would be a great opportunity to start working with the other departments in the town that have a boat in the water as well. This would also include the Sheriff's Department and any other federal or state agency that would like to participate.

Commissioner Vroman

- Brief discussion on the Chiefs interview with Channel 10 and the ride along; waiver of liability form will be developed by Commissioner Bentley and the insurance company for future ride alongs.
- Question as to why we made photocopies of the Carbon Monoxide detector forms when we have a copier. Chief DiNovo said we had to do that because they had carbon copies made.
- Need to set up a date to meet with the Chiefs to develop a new policy on bailout.

Commissioner Bentley

- No report

Commissioner Germaine

- The Verdoy Fire Association will be providing us a check for \$11,000 towards the new LED sign, but would like to hold off until after July 1st when they receive their Foreign Fire Insurance; *all in favor, approved.*
- The accidental credit card charge by Chief Serio has been rectified; credit card has been turned into Treasurer Scimeca.
- Would like to meet up with the Chief, & Commissioner Leonardo and go through the items in and around the cage on the mezzanine.

Report of Chief:

Chief Dinovo

- The bailout issue has been passed off to the safety committee for review. The Chief disagrees with the board not wanting to mandate that every interior firefighter should practice bailout and that it should be his decision not ours. States that training is his decision and if he feels we need to train on something, then it will happen under his direction.
- It is believed, but not confirmed that we have received the grant for the radios that we submitted an application for. There is an awards ceremony on June 8th at 7pm at the Cahill Room on State Street in Albany that we have been invited to. Will know more

information after that event. Per Commissioner Leonardo, if it wasn't for Peter Tunny we would have never known about this opportunity.

- Requested to take apparatus and vehicles to Lake George for the parade June 16-18, 2017; *all in favor, approved.*
- Target Safety is up and running, should be in place for department use after the June Association meeting.

Purchases:

- To purchase an alarm permit through the Town of Colonie for the our newly installed fire alarm system through Hart Alarms
MOTION: LV
SECOND: PB
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried
- To enter into contract with Hart Alarms for monitoring of the alarm system at a cost of \$90.00 which will be billed quarterly. This would take effect August 22, 2017 as we are currently received 6 months of free monitoring.
MOTION: DL
SECOND: PB
VOTE: All in favor, motion carried

Motion made by Commissioner Russell with a second from Commissioner Bentley to adjourn the meeting at 9:51pm. *All in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie B. Vroman
Secretary