

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
AFTON FIRE DISTRICT**

January 14, 2016

Acting chairperson Sandy Reiling called the regular meeting of The Afton Board of Fire Commissioners to order at the Afton Fire Station on January 14, 2016 at 7:07 p.m. The following were present: John Snel, Theresa Sherman, Tom Vail, Pete Vail, Treasurer Sandy Reiling, Chief Blane Reiling and visitor Chuck Sherman. Commissioners' terms expire at the end-of-year as follows: T. Vail – 2017, T. Sherman - 2018, J. Snel - 2019 and P. Vail - 2020. The position of the fifth commissioner remains unfilled. Treasurer S. Reiling's term expires end of this year.

-Acting Chairperson S. Reiling called for nominations for Chairman. Sherman moved that J. Snel be nominated for Chairperson, seconded by T. Vail, approved unanimously. P. Vail moved that nominations be closed and that the secretary cast one ballot for Snel, seconded by Sherman. Passed unanimously. J. Snel continued as Chairman of the meeting.

-T. Vail moved that P. Vail be appointed Secretary. Sherman seconded. Passed unanimously.

-J. Snel moved that the Afton office of NBT Bank be the district's official bank, seconded by T. Vail, passed unanimously.

-T. Vail moved that the Tri-Town News be the official newspaper for the district, seconded by T. Sherman and passed unanimously.

-T. Vail moved that our primary attorney be William Young of the NYS Association of Fire Districts with the Pinsky Law Group in Syracuse serving as backup. Seconded by Sherman and passed unanimously.

-T. Sherman moved that the regular meeting be held the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Afton Fire Station, seconded by J. Snel and passed unanimously.

-Chairman Snel appointed the following committee chairmen: Equipment – J. Snel, B. Reiling, Insurance – T. Sherman, B. Reiling, Building – T. Vail. T. Vail moved that the committee chairpersons be approved. Seconded by T. Sherman and passed unanimously.

2015 Bills # 160 - #167 in the amount of **\$3335.51** were audited and ordered paid on a motion by P. Vail, seconded by Sherman and passed unanimously. **2016 Bills 1 - # 8** in the amount of **\$ 955.78** were audited and ordered paid on a motion by T. Vail, seconded by P. Vail and passed unanimously. Checks #9071 through #9086 cleared.

Treasurer's Report

-Treasurer Reiling reviewed the year-end balances summary as of Dec. 31, 2015. Checking (excluding 2015 bills above): \$16,921.71; Savings: \$57.86; Equipment MM: \$42,023.65; Building MM: \$7,884.18; The money in the Equip/Gear fund was transferred to the Equipment/Vehicle Fund. P Vail moved that the financial report be accepted. Seconded by T. Sherman and passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report

-Minutes were distributed for the December 2015 meeting. J. Snel moved that the Secretary's Report be accepted, seconded by T. Sherman and approved unanimously.

Committees

Equipment – Nothing

Insurance – A claim was submitted on a car/deer collision. It was subsequently pulled so that the claim could first be submitted to the person's private insurance carrier.

-Scott Poulton will attend our February meeting if we desire to review our coverage.

Building – The concrete door slabs have been ground down to eliminate the heaving problem. Insulation work remains to be done. Catskill Garden Tractor Pullers request permission to use the meeting room. T. Sherman moved that the Catskill Garden Tractor Pullers be given permission pending insurance coverage to use the meeting room for a donation of \$50. Seconded by T. Vail and passed unanimously.

Chief

-Requests permission to purchase \$500 in materials from Granger's such as foam, batteries, safety glasses, etc. T. Sherman moved that Chief Reiling be authorized to purchase \$500 in materials from Granger's. Seconded by P. Vail and passed unanimously.

-SCBA project: Trading in our obsolete units towards units which meet code. Cost will be \$10,830 minus trade-in amount of \$1125.

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Old Business

- Burr Trucking has ignored our attempts to meet with them regarding their unsatisfactory work on Unit 112. T. Sherman will contact our attorney for a recommendation on what to do next.
- T. Vail moved that we purchase membership in the NY State Fire District Association for up to \$300. Seconded by T. Sherman. Approved unanimously.
- T. Vail moved that we purchase The New York State Fire Commission Officers' Guide for \$134. Seconded by T. Sherman and approved unanimously.
- T. Sherman moved that T. Vail be reimbursed \$100 for the Fire Commissioners' Training that he completed. Seconded by J. Snel. Approved unanimously.

New Business

- Moved by T. Vail and seconded by T. Sherman that the following be considered official activities of the Afton Fire District: breakfasts, dinners, golf tournaments, raffles and races.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on a motion by Sherman, seconded by T. Vail. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter C. Vail