

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
FIRE COMMISSIONERS, PURCHASE FIRE DISTRICT, PURCHASE, NY, Held
on Tuesday May 17, 2016**

Vice Chairman Joseph Brefere called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:30 PM.

Attending were: Vice Chairman Brefere, Commissioners R. Makowski, G. Scott Sala and M. Wilson, Chief M. Gotte, Assistant Chief M. Decker, Treasurer L. Saenger and Counsel F. Simeone.

On a motion by J. Brefere, seconded by S. Sala and carried unanimously, the April minutes were accepted.

A letter was received from Mary McCarthy requesting permission for a family picnic to be held at the firehouse in August 2016. On a motion by J. Brefere, seconded by Scott Sala and carried unanimously, this request was approved with the understanding that supplemental insurance to indemnify the District be purchased.

On a motion by R. Makowski, seconded by J. Brefere and carried unanimously, the Board moved to executive session at 6:42 PM to discuss a personnel matter involving a particular person.

On a motion by J. Brefere, seconded by M. Wilson with S. Sala voting yes and R. Makowski abstaining, it was resolved that District Secretary Robert Makowski will be provided Medicare health insurance supplement upon his eventual retirement until time of his death.

On a motion by R. Makowski, seconded by J. Brefere and carried unanimously, SOG 501.03, 307.02 and the amended 500.01 were approved as written. General order 16-3 was approved subject to revision.

R. Makowski expressed concern of the risk of injury to firefighters trying to accompany the Plymovent hose while the rigs are backing in. The Board and Chiefs agreed that the SOG regarding backing of vehicles needs to be revised and that R. Makowski would make the proposed revisions. The Board also authorized the electrician to connect the engine room exhaust to come on with the activation of the Plymovent and remain on for a set amount of time.

On a motion by S. Sala, seconded by J. Brefere and carried unanimously, Fire One was authorized to perform hose, pump and ground ladder testing.

On a motion by J. Brefere, seconded by S. Sala and carried unanimously, the purchase of new work shirts for the District employees was authorized.

R. Makowski reported that numerous older windows on the firehouse are failing and in need of repair or replacement. The Board authorized him to get quotes.

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R. Makowski reported that despite efforts to repair the treadmill, it still malfunctioning. The Board authorized him to work the Fire Company fitness and wellness committee chair to get recommendations and prices on a replacement.

On a motion by J. Brefere, seconded by R. Makowski and carried unanimously, a maximum of \$150.00 was approved for Chief Gotte to attend the Fire Expo in Harrisburg, PA. Use of the Chief's car was authorized.

On a motion by R. Makowski, seconded by M. Wilson and carried unanimously, it shall be District policy that a firefighter is responsible to reimburse the District the actual cost if he or she registers to attend approved training and fails to attend.

M. Wilson requested permission on behalf of Firefighter Mytych to allow the evergreen tree on the front lawn to be trimmed. The Board had no objection as long as District funds are not spent.

On a motion by M. Wilson, seconded by S. Sala and carried unanimously, the outstanding claims were ordered paid.

On a motion by R. Makowski, seconded by S. Sala and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM

Robert Makowski,
District Secretary

MEETING NOTICE

The June 2016 regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Purchase Fire District, will be held on Tuesday June 21, 2016 at 6:30 PM.