

**ORCHARD PARK BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on May 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the meeting room of the District Offices, 4222 S. Taylor Road. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gill and began with the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call:

Chairman:	Gregory Gill	Dist. Chief:	Jay Knavel
Commissioner:	Richard Mrugalski	Treasurer:	Nick Enser
Commissioner:	Mark Szczepanik	Attorney:	Michael Chelus
Commissioner:	William Hanrahan		
Commissioner:	Robert Benning		

Fire Company Officers Present:

Orchard Park Chief: Rob Germano
Windom Chief: Mike Carey
Hillcrest Chief: Ron Hendershot

Others Present:

Dennis Bosley, Orchard Park	Dave Stromecki, Brown & Stromecki Insurance
Monica Thielemann, District Administrator	Ed Jensen, Jr. Orchard Park
Bob Baun, Windom	Christine Davenport, Hillcrest
Jacob Huff, Windom	

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:

Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik that the minutes of the April meeting be approved. All in favor; motion carried.

Comments from the floor (Public):

No one spoke

Communications and Action on Same:

1. Return to work for Firefighter Putnam.
2. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: would like a new cleaning service for Central and North Station.
3. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of Hillcrest Hall August 28th. Motion by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Will be handing out some Fixed Asset tags. Working with Jay on this.
2. Companies have received the Tax request information and as yet no reports have been sent.

Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Szczepanik to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor; motion carried.

District Chief Jay Knavel:

1. Monthly reports read. Attached to file copy.
2. The hose testing will begin in July
3. There is a new emergency path to the eternal flame. More information forthcoming.

Orchard Park Chief, Rob Germano:

No report

Commissioner Mrugalski stated that the vehicle for the Extrication Drill is still at Taylor Road. Per Chief Germano, it will be gone shortly.

Windom Chief, Michael Carey:

No report

Hillcrest Chief, Ron Hendershot:

No report

Commissioner Mrugalski stated that the Board needs documentation on the remodeling of Hillcrest Hall.

District EMS

No report

Training

No report

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:

*****Orchard Park*****

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Mrugalski to accept Jakub Glowczynski to the District Rolls as a Jr. Firefighter. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Mrugalski to accept Lucas Barber to the District Rolls as a Jr. Firefighter. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Mrugalski to accept John Phillips to the District Rolls as a Jr. Firefighter. All in favor; motion carried.

*****Hillcrest*****

None

*****Windom*****

None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Mrugalski:

1. Working with Attorney Chelus on the letters/agreements with Chestnut Ridge and West Seneca for the repeaters.

Commissioner Benning:

No report

Commissioner Szczepanik:

1. Have the new Policy and Procedures for hall rentals. The cost is \$100.00 for members and \$500.00 for non-members with a \$250.00 refund is all is good with the halls. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Mrugalski to table the approval until more clarification. All in favor; motion carried.
2. The Board of Fire Commissioners will provide each chief with a vehicle. A draft policy will be given to the Chiefs and the Chiefs will have until the May work session to have questions.

Commissioner Hanrahan:

1. Had the final meeting with PESH and there are no violations. It was mentioned that the district is in need of new flags with have been purchased. Two (2) for each company, one to use now and one to be put away until needed.
2. Have been talking with Jay regarding new Thermo-Imaging cameras.
3. Fire House no longer has a show, it is now Fire Fusion which is specific to Chiefs and Administrators. Will be looking to see if it worth going and will have a proposal at the June meeting.

Commissioner Gill:

1. The Board is looking for a new Medical Director. Will have more information soon.

Attorney Chelus:

1. Working on the agreements with West Seneca and Chestnut Ridge for the repeaters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis Bosley:

1. The flags are here, the North Station has been changed. Will keep the spare flags under lock at Taylor Road until needed.
2. Would like the board to look into a pickup truck for the maintenance department. Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Benning to look into a used pickup truck. All in favor; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:

Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan that the bills be paid as presented for a total of \$750,800.20. All in favor; motion carried.

Motions Made:

Motion made by Commissioner Szczepanik, seconded by Commissioner Benning to look into a used pickup truck. All in favor; motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business to come before this Board, motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary