

## **ORCHARD PARK BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Orchard Park Fire District was held on August 13, 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:	Robert Benning	Attorney:	Michael Chelus
Commissioner:	William Hanrahan	Secretary:	Roberta Buczkowski

### **Fire Company Officers Present:**

Orchard Park Chief:	Rob Germano
Windom Assistant Chief:	Jacob Huff
Hillcrest Assistant Chief:	Dave Stromecki

### **Others Present:**

Wilhelm Aubrecht, Orchard Park	Monica Thielemann, District Administrator
Justin Johnson, OPFD Maintenance	David K. Jensen, Orchard Park
David C. Jensen, Orchard Park	Shari Hanrahan, Windom
Ed Jensen Jr. Orchard Park	

### **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting:**

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

### **Comments from the floor (Public):**

Ed Jensen Jr., Orchard Park Fire Company spoke on the cleaning of Central and the cost.

### **Communications and Action on Same:**

1. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: use of hall October 26, 2024 (and 3 days prior) for the annual Halloween Spook-Tacular. Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Benning regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
2. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: new member. See new memberships and removals.
3. Letter from Orchard Park Fire Company re: resignation of firefighters. See new memberships and removals.
4. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of Hillcrest Hall August 10, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
5. Letter from Hillcrest Fire Company re: use of Hillcrest Hall August 25, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
6. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: use of Windom Hall December 28, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Hanrahan, seconded by Commissioner Benning regarding same. All in favor; motion carried.
7. Letter from Windom Fire Company re: resignation of firefighter. See new memberships and removals.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The 2% money is here and the checks to each Fire Company will be mailed out at the end of the month.

Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan 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 is done.
3. The SCBA's are in service. RIT packs will be soon.

**Orchard Park Chief, Rob Germano:**

1. Just checking to make sure that the policy for renting out the fire halls is exactly what was given out to the chiefs. Per the Board yes it is.

**Windom Assistant Chief, Jacob Huff:**

No report

**Hillcrest Assistant Chief, Dave Stromecki:**

1. The truck committee has been meeting and will have a presentation in a few weeks.

**NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND REMOVALS:****\*\*\*Orchard Park\*\*\***

Motion made by Commissioner Hanrahan, seconded by Commissioner Benning to remove Richard Mrugalski from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hanrahan, seconded by Commissioner Benning to remove Matt Humnicky from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hanrahan, seconded by Commissioner Benning to approve Kevin Winters to the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

**\*\*\*Hillcrest\*\*\***

None

**\*\*\*Windom\*\*\***

Motion made by Commissioner Benning, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to remove Chester Covers from the District Rolls. All in favor; motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS****Commissioner Mrugalski:**

1. Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to have Chairman Gill sign the lease agreement with the Town of West Seneca for the repeater to be placed on their tower. All in favor; motion carried.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to hire Chris Pieri as Facility Manager for the District. All in favor; motion carried.

**Commissioner Benning:**

No report

**Commissioner Hanrahan:**

1. OSHA has pushed the new statutes to November.
2. Motion made by Commissioner Hanrahan, seconded by Commissioner Benning to purchase a new CanAm for Hillcrest for \$19,427.14. All in favor; motion carried.

**Commissioner Gill:**

No report

**Attorney Chelus:**

1. The Tower Agreement with West Seneca has been signed and is ready to go. Still waiting on the County.
2. The Notice of Permissive Referendum for the sale of the 2012 ambulance was in the paper and the thirty (30) days for objections has passed so the sale can go forward.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

none

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS AND ACTION ON THE SAME:**

Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Benning that the bills be paid as presented for a total of \$225,966.99. All in favor; motion carried.

**Motions Made:**

**Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to have Chairman Gill sign the lease agreement with the Town of West Seneca for the repeater to be placed on their tower. All in favor; motion carried.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Mrugalski, seconded by Commissioner Hanrahan to hire Chris Pieri as Facility Manager for the District. All in favor; motion carried.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Hanrahan, seconded by Commissioner Benning to purchase a new CanAm for Hillcrest for \$19,427.14. All in favor; motion carried.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

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

Meeting adjourned 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Buczkowski, Secretary