

Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Meeting for March
March 10, 2011

The regular meeting of the City of Cortland Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman Heath. Board members present include Commissioner Quinlan, Commissioner Buttino and Commissioner Wood. Also present was Fire Chief Glover, Deputy Chief Wayne Friedman, Deputy Chief William Knickerbocker, Volunteer Deputy Chief Bill Buttino, and President of the BOE Greg Maxwell. Commissioner Tricarico was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Quinlan to approve the February 2011 meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Buttino, seconded by Commissioner Wood to approve the payment of the March 2011 invoices, as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Buttino, seconded by Commissioner Wood to accept the paid staff sick report for February 2011. All in favor, motion carried.

There were no new volunteer applications or volunteer add/change forms.

Chief's Report:

Two of the department's newly hired firefighters (Wood and Dodge) are now on shift. Four others are at the academy and doing well.

Bids were received for another engine, to get an idea of cost. Two companies bid the project and the committee is looking at ways to decrease the price and still meet the best interests of the city (longevity, functionality).

The aerial is progressing well; there are a few minor things that are being taken care of.

A call from FEMA was received regarding the SAFER Grant which is a staffing grant. It covers volunteer recruitment, retention and a bunking program. The grant would include things such as a volunteer coordinator and renovations to current facilities to incorporate bunking accommodations. It's in the neighborhood of \$500,000. While it is not confirmed that we got the grant, it is looking like it is a very good possibility.

President Maxwell reported to the Commission regarding the consolidation research project. There is no timetable set yet, however, the board representatives are taking a look at it and researching it.

He also thanked the Fire Department and the Auxiliary for what they have done for him and his family over the past few weeks with the passing of his mother.

Old Business

There was a brief discussion of possible charter revisions regarding the duties and roles of the Board of Fire Commissioners. This has been tabled until Commissioner Tricarico is able to share his research with the Commission.

All comments made on the Volunteer Constitution and By-Laws have been sent to the Volunteer Committee handling the revision.

New Business

A discussion ensued regarding a GIS program and mapping of hydrants, number of calls to an area, etc.

Moved by Commissioner Quinlan, seconded by Commissioner Buttino to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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