Hughsonville Fire District

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Meets Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month

Board of Fire Commissioners
Anthony Martino, Jr. - Chairman
Mark Liebermann – Deputy Chairman
Michael Schappert, Vincent Galvin,
John Lorenzini

Paul Rogers, Jr. – Chief of Department
William H. Beale – Deputy Chief
Nick Ward – 2nd Assistant Chief

MINUTES
February 26, 2025
Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners

Attendees:	Commissioner Anthony Martino, Jr.– Chairman	
	Commissioner Mark Liebermann - Deputy Chairman	
	Commissioner Vincent Galvin	(Absent)
	Commissioner Michael Schappert	
	Commissioner John Lorenzini	(Absent)

Chief:	Paul Rogers, Jr.	(Absent)
Deputy Chief:	William H. Beale	(Absent)
2nd Assistant Chief:	Nick Ward	
District Secretary/Treasurer:	Kim Flower	
Attorney for District:	Greg Supple, Esq.	(Absent)

Commissioner Martino opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed.

Guest Speakers – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Legal – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Treasurer's Report

- Purchase orders, bills, and checks were signed.

- Motion to approve abstract dated February 26, 2025 consisting of 26 items for a total of $ 106,870.00, with a transfer from general savings to checking was made by Commissioner Schappert.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.

  - Commissioner Galvin Absent
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann Yes

- Preliminary to AFR was given to Commissioners for review.

- Motion to finalize AFR with the state for year 2025 was made by Commissioner Schappert.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.

  - Commissioner Galvin Absent
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann Yes

- Motion to make the following budget modifications: $1,329.00 from computer/hardware to which $302.87 to association/dues, $171.58 to bldg./cleaning, and $854.55 to district exp/consultants was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

  - Commissioner Galvin Absent
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann Yes

Secretary's Minutes

- Motion to approve the secretary's minutes for February 12, 2025 was made by Commissioner Schappert.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.

  - Commissioner Galvin Absent
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes

- Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
- Commissioner Liebermann Yes

Correspondence – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Commissioner Report – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Chief's Report

A. Apparatus (Repairs) – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

B. Radios and Pagers – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

C. Fire Prevention – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

D. Uniforms – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

E. Purchase request (s) – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

F. Training Report

- Lt. Wigdor is unable to attend FDIC due to work conflict. Member Michael VanBuren will be taking his place. Michael's parent was asked for permission to attend and all is ok. Asst. Chief Ward will be taking the classes that Lt. Wigdor was enrolled in. Asst. Chief Ward is trying to get a credit for his plane ticket. He will no longer be offered FDIC training. Commissioner Liebermann asked that from now on the board be offered before newer members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

- Assoc. member Dan Mochon has requested to go active. He works in the area but lives in Kingston. The Commissioners requested secretary to contact attorney to ask if can legally change status to active.

- Motion to approve Dan Mochon request for active status pending approval of Attorney Supple, background check, lens, and physical was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

  - Commissioner Galvin Absent
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann Yes

Boy Scouts/JHF

- Commissioner Lorenzini will be attending Eagle Scout Court of Honor this weekend.

Buildings and Grounds

- Commissioner Lorenzini received proposals for property surveys.

- Motion to move forward with Badey & Watson, Surveyor not to exceed $10,000 was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

  - Commissioner Galvin Absent
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann Yes

LOSAP

- Members that are out on workman's comp for fire related or training related injury are allowed 5 points per month, per state law. Secretary will keep track of member Vincent Galvin time out on injury.

Policies and Procedures – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Technology, IT Digital Communications

- Old server has been completely transferred to new server so can be dismantled. Kevin Geidel will be using it to do some analysis. It may need hard drives and memory depending on how intensive analysis is. He will need to talk to Roberts IT to be sure he has to ability to do what he wants to do.

- Motion to allow Kevin Geidel to contact Roberts It regarding old server was made by Commissioner Schappert.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.

  - Commissioner Galvin Absent
  - Commissioner Schappert Yes
  - Commissioner Martino Yes
  - Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
  - Commissioner Liebermann Yes

- Asst. Chief Ward stated the tv fire stick upstairs has been hard wired and tied into switch upstairs. Picture is much better.

Website Committee

- All is good. Everyone has been given website access. Asst. Chief Ward will send Commissioner Schappert list of all emails.

- All members have logged in and seen Chief360. Only a couple had problems but all are now good.

Public Information Officers – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Old Business

- The Laborer received quotes for uniform rentals and/or uniform purchasing. The price for rental from uniform service is approx.. $700/yr. To purchase three job shirts, two pair pants, two pair shorts and boots totals $538.68/yr.

- Motion to spend up to $600 for work clothes for Laborer position and purchase pair of pants and shirt for Laborer fill-in position was made by Commissioner Martino.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.

  – Commissioner Galvin Absent
  – Commissioner Schappert Yes
  – Commissioner Martino Yes
  – Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
  – Commissioner Liebermann Yes

- Commissioner Schappert stated the board still has not received invited guest list for inspection dinner. Asst. Chief Ward spoke with Deputy Chief Beale and it is the same invited list as previous years. Commissioner Schappert stated policy states invitees outside of fire department should not exceed members and the Board should be approving list before invitations are sent.

- Motion to invite Cheryl Hait and family to inspection dinner was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.

  – Commissioner Galvin Absent
  – Commissioner Schappert Yes
  – Commissioner Martino Yes
  – Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
  – Commissioner Liebermann Yes

New Business

- Asst. Chief Ward stated three out of nine ipads are fifth generation and the chief staff is looking to upgrade.

- Motion to upgrade three ipads to 10th generation and cases and surplus old at $.0 value was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
  Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.

  – Commissioner Galvin Absent
  – Commissioner Schappert Yes
  – Commissioner Martino Yes
  – Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
  – Commissioner Liebermann Yes

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Liebermann at 7:30 pm.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.

- Commissioner Galvin Absent
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Lorenzini Absent
- Commissioner Liebermann Yes

All quotes were obtained in accordance with the purchasing policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Flower
District Secretary