Commissioners Present:
   Gary Field, Commissioner
   John Sonsini, Commissioner
   Bruce Kosowsky, Vice-Chairman

Also Present:
   Nick Verdicchio, Assistant Fire Chief
   Jolynn VaWart, Training Coordinator

A. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Vice-Chairman Kosowsky.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Captain Joe Constintino stated, I’m just here to voice the companies’ and my
displeasure of Tim Hongo not being re-elected for the Huntington Fire Department as
Asst. Fire Chief and also to make sure that Vice-Chairman Kosowsky received the
letter I handed to Mr. Chase in the morning.

Captain Sabatino stated, I will concur with Captain Constintino that my members and
Chief are very displeased that Tim Hongo was not re-elected as Asst. Fire Chief. Also,
Company #4 is still displeased with the Quartermaster. As I advised the Vice-
Chairman, this month we had to buy our own rubber gloves. We are still waiting for
batteries, which I hear might be in. There is a lack of communications, I feel that the
Board should do a review with the Quartermaster to see if his performance is there,
and if it’s not, and he can’t do his job, then the Board should terminate and re-hire a
new Quartermaster that can get the job done. The Fire Departments for a year now
have been battling to get equipment. Just last week I had a fan that was out for nine
months – and every time – it was out it was out it was out. Well, I verified with the
dealer he sent it to and the dealer stated that it wasn’t sent to him until two months
ago and then it came back last week. I hate being lied to, every time you call him
there is another excuse, your going to meet him, it’s a lie. We are tired, we are
volunteers. If you can’t do the job, then resign. If you’re going to do both jobs and
hold a conflict because you can’t vote on things, you’re holding up the fire department. Thank you.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting January 5, 2010
Commissioner Field motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 5th, 2010. Commissioner Sonsini seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

2. Minutes of Special Meeting January 11, 2010
Commissioner Field motioned to approve the minutes of the special meeting on January 11th, 2010. Commissioner Sonsini seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

3. Minutes of Special Meeting January 19, 2010
Commissioner Field motioned to approve the minutes of the special meeting on January 19th, 2010. Commissioner Sonsini seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

Vice-Chairman Kosowsky read a letter into the record handed to him by Captain Joe Constintino. Copies will be made and handed out. Vice-Chairman Kosowsky stated that the bid for the Thermal Imager was approved and they would discuss how to proceed. Also, the budget for 2010 should be in your packet.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Commissioner Sonsini motioned to add Item #5 to New Business/ Fire Police for Company #4. Commissioner Field seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

F. REPORTS

1. Fire Chiefs Report Francis Jones
2. Fire Marshal James Tortora
3. Training Coordinator Jolynn VaWart
4. Quartermaster Report – Marc Connolly
5. Commissioner Sonsini
6. Commissioner Connolly
7. Commissioner Field
8. Commissioner Kosowsky

Commissioner Field motioned to table reports to the March Meeting. Commissioner Sonsini seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Fire Alarms
Vice-Chairman Kosowsky stated, we need to get this into discussion for next meeting. We need to make a decision to how many fire alarms we want. So if each Commissioner can figure out exactly how many fire alarms you want, we need to know the number. Please talk to your Captains and figure out how many you will need for fire alarms and get back to me so we can put this on the agenda. Hotlines will have to be re-done.

2. Co. Assistant Chiefs
We did receive the letters of re-appointment for Companies Asst. Fire Chiefs. It has been forwarded to Fire Chief.

3. Deputy Chiefs Position
Position is still not opened yet.

4. Equipment Bids
Vice-Chairman Kosowsky stated, we need to decide what we are going to do with the thermal imager.

Commissioner Field motioned to purchase up to four Thermal Imagers. Commissioner Sonsini seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Transfer of Funds

Commissioner Field motioned to table to March Meeting. Commissioner Sonsini seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

2. Commissioners Office Hours
Commissioner Sonsini motioned to table to March Meeting. Commissioner Field seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

3. Hours for Central Storage

Discussed the times Quartermaster has posted. Vice-Chairman Kosowsky stated that he does not think the one time a month is effective. Commissioner Sonsini stated that the Quartermaster needed to post times when he is there restocking and taking inventory. The Quartermaster needs to make it known when he is down there. Maybe one day a week will work. No decision has been made if the Commissioners should have a key. Commissioner Sonsini stated if anyone should have a key, it should be the Commissioners. Vice-Chairman Kosowsky stated that we need to go back to our officers’ and see if the one night a month is working. We need to discuss further hours of Central Storage; so far we have heard hours are not good. No action taken.

4. Purchase Order Request

Vice-Chairman Kosowsky stated, for the first Tuesday of the March Meeting, all Commissioners need to bring in what they want and we will go out to bid. Get all your quotes, get them together and we will go over what we can get and what we can’t get.

Commissioner Sonsini motioned that all Commissioners supply all information on additional equipment to be purchased at the March Meeting. Commissioner Field seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

5. Fire Police

Commissioner Sonsini motioned to accept a list of Fire Police submitted by Captain Sabatino for the year 2010. Commissioner Field seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Sonsini motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. Commissioner Field seconded the motion.
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

Former Asst. Chief Hongo would like to speak with the Commissioners.
Commissioner Field motioned to leave Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. Commissioner Sonsini seconded the motion.  
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

For the record, no votes were taken during Executive Session.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Field motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sonsini seconded the motion.  
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Wells  
Kimberly Wells / Clerk

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