Meeting 3/3/2011 1915 HRS at the Fire Training Center

1] No minutes from previous meeting
2] An attendance sheet was signed, the 9 required for a quorum in attendance.
3] Chairman Hank Bergson brought the Board up to date on the restructure of the Fire Advisory Board [Minimum 5 – Maximum 21]
Rumor has it that the board will be cut to 12.

Current members on the roster that have been appointed by the County Executive are Joe Olenik [at large], Robert Benz [at large] and Joe Iantorno [WCAFC]. Mike DeVittorio [WCVFA] and William Treacy [At large] have been thanked for their service and not reappointed.

The following members terms have expired and will be called into the County Executive’s office for an Interview; George Tockstein [Chiefs], Albert Mignone [WCVFA], Robert Moon [WCVFA], Dave Klaus [Districts], Henry Bergson [Districts] and Pete MacDonald [Chiefs/Career].

The balance of the membership is;
Members at Large - Robert Broderick and Ross Campbell
Districts – Ken Hoffarth
Career - Julian Keiser
Career Chiefs – Richard Lyman [White Plains] and Thomas Cain [Scarsdale]
Chiefs – Thomas Dinkler

Commissioners Sutton and Cullen were not aware of the interview process that was started.
The commissioner expected that the same thing will happen with the EMS advisory board. A discussion followed on the makeup of the board by county law.

The chairman commented that he did not think the County Executive would be looking for communication from the board until these issues are settled.

Commissioner Cullen went over statistics for 2010 and current budget problems. The burn building is damaged, the main building roof is leaking and one of the garage doors is in need of repairs. These last two items were put off because of the possible overhaul of the main building, but will have to be repaired since the project will not go
forward at this time.

Also discussed were the remote training sites. Katonah has been extremely successful. Town of Mamaroneck is marginal and Croton will no longer be used. Most of the Firefighter I training is complete and it is the goal of DES is to utilize the training facility to the fullest extent.

Commissioner Sutton went of the personnel changes and budget for 2011. He also stated that the County Executive still wants to shrink county government, share services, and reduce costs.

A suggestion was made that the local departments may be able to defray cost by donating foam as we have in the past. It was noted that donations of hay would be of help for the training center.

The chairman commented that consolidation and other administrative options. Commissioner Sutton noted that if a bill is not acted on in 90 days, the County Executive can call for the Board of Legislators to vote. Also noted that due to changes in SEMO the Article 6 money has been lost.

The Mini pumper has been retired and an Engine donated by the City of Rye is being used in its place.

Mutual aid at the Armonk fire was discussed.

The County Mutual Aid Plan was discussed. If the plan gets through the legal department a special meeting was suggested and agreed upon to get the information to the board and speed up ratification.

Commissioner Cullen - Airport tabletop drill scheduled for 4/13/2011 – radios – based on recommendations from the drill last May. An after action report is due from that drill. The tag system at the gate will be enforced. The Airport plan is restricted and not for general dissemination. He met with OEM in this regard.

County control has added Katonah / Bedford Hills VAC to dispatch as well as Larchmont. Scarsdale goes on line next week.

Identification and accountability – no change

The county bid for bailout ropes was discussed. The County will be drafting bid proposal requests for hoses to be added to the county wide quotes as well as ladder testing, pump testing and turnout gear testing.

Future meetings are 6/30, 9/22, and 12/1. The start time will remain at 1715 HRS. A special meeting will be called for the mutual aid plan.
Request a representative from the County Executive to discuss with the board on how the Fire Advisory Board will be used.

IM team meeting is being planned in a few weeks. [Pete MacDonald, Tom Cain]

The meeting was closed at 2027 HRS.
Submitted for review and corrections
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