

The special meeting of the Village of Arcade (VOA) Board of Trustees, Wyoming County, New York was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 7:00pm there were:

**PRESENT**

Mayor Rich Kosmerl, Trustee Jim McGarvey, Trustee Brian Burton, Trustee Ken Rule, Superintendent of Public Works Larry Kilburn (at 8:00pm), Clerk/Treasurer Pam Beiersdorf, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Donna Miller

**ABSENT**

Deputy Mayor Paul Burkett and Police Chief John Laird

**ALSO PRESENT**

Town of Arcade Board Members: Supervisor Doug Berwanger, Councilwoman Kathy Landahl, and Councilwoman Judy Rix; Carole Jones (Arcade Herald), Sandie Dutton, Arcade Fire Department Officers: Len Connelly, Tom Beiersdorf, Don Saulter, Chris Lester, Don Meyers; Richard Harrison, Ronald Jaquish, Town of Freedom Board Members: Councilwoman Ann Marie Dixon, Supervisor Ron Ashworth, and Councilman Jeff Peterson.

**PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Kosmerl opened the meeting with the Pledge to Allegiance.

**ARCADE FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION**

The purpose of the special meeting was to meet jointly with board members from the Towns of Arcade and Freedom, to receive information about the Arcade Fire Departments (AFDs) plan to purchase a rescue truck, to review the proposed truck specifications, and to obtain the AFDs tentative 5-year capital equipment plan.

AFD Chief, Tom Beiersdorf, explained that a truck committee was formed in 2006 to plan and design a rescue pumper. After determining that another pumper was unnecessary, the committee shifted their efforts to plan and design a walk-in rescue truck (a tool box on wheels). The committee worked with several different manufacturers and designed a truck that includes a generator, cascade system with booster which allows fire personnel to re-fill breathing air bottles at the scene of an incident and a fill station; an elevating, remote light tower that provides wide-area lighting; five jump seats with air packs that allow firefighters to get ready while on the way to an incident; roll-up storage doors; a winch with receivers on all four sides of the vehicle that allows the truck to act as an anchor for vehicle stabilization and also provides a tie-off point for rope rescues; drop-down awning for shelter and rescuer rehab; a small command area, and open space for future expansion. The rescue truck would come as turn-key unit and ready to go into service immediately with an expected life of 20-30 years.

Chief Beiersdorf commented that rescue incidents have become more diverse (vehicle accidents, water rescues, high-angle rescues, HazMat cleanups, etc.) and rescue tools required for these rescues have also become more numerous and complex. Common tools have been supplemented with hydraulic rescue tools, lifting bags, winches all requiring more space.

Chief Beiersdorf described the departments current vehicle (#4), a 1994 Chevrolet utility vehicle, as a safety concern, insufficient, and as rapidly rusting apart. The plan includes relocating the equipment stored on this vehicle to the rescue truck.

Mayor Kosmerl provided a financial analysis of the expected costs to the Town Boards and a detailed explanation of the calculation used to develop the contracts including number of fire and ambulance calls to each municipality over the past ten years as compared to the total number of calls to the entire district, the assessed value of the properties in each municipality as compared to the total assessed value of the entire district, the amount of the VOA fire and ambulance budget, and an administrative fee.

Various members of the Town Boards asked questions and expressed their support on the acquisition of the new rescue truck.

**PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE BID - AFD RESCUE TRUCK**

Motion by Mayor Kosmerl and seconded by Trustee McGarvey, Superintendent of Public Works Kilburn be authorized to advertise bids for the AFD rescue truck.

The motion was passed upon the following vote:

<b>VOTE</b>								
Mayor Richard Kosmerl	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Brian Burton	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Deputy Mayor Paul Burkett		Yes		No		Abstain	X	Absent
Trustee Jim McGarvey	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Ken Rule	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
<b>VOTE TOTAL:</b>								
	4	Yes	0	No	0	Abstain	1	Absent
<b>RESULTS</b>								
	X	<b>PASS</b>				<b>FAIL</b>		

**RECAP/REVIEW SALE OF LIBERTY STREET FIRE HALL**

Mayor Kosmerl provided a recap on the sale of the Liberty Street fire hall. Bob Karius of Hilec, Inc. called Mayor Kosmerl and expressed his disappointment. Hilec remained interested in purchasing the Liberty Street fire hall prior to the award, however, didn't re-emphasize or advise the Board that the bid should remain under consideration. After unsuccessful attempts to make contact with Mr. Karius, the Board took the position that the submitted bid had expired since it was date sensitive. Mayor Kosmerl acknowledged that there may have been a break-down in communications but non-the-less, the bid was awarded to the Arcade Historical Society. The Board had no interest or intentions to reverse their award decision.

**AWARD BID - WATER MATERIALS**

Motion by Mayor Kosmerl and seconded by Trustee Burton, per recommendation by Superintendent of Public Works Kilburn, the miscellaneous water materials be awarded to the vendors listed below. If any of the vendors listed below withdraw their bid, the materials shall be awarded to the next lowest responsive bidder.

Everett J. Prescott Corfu, NY	tie bolts and ductile iron pipe
Blair Supply Corp. Rochester, NY	service boxes
Lock City Supply, Inc. Lockport, NY	remaining materials, not listed above

The motion was passed upon the following vote:

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Mayor Richard Kosmerl	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Brian Burton	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Deputy Mayor Paul Burkett		Yes		No		Abstain	X	Absent
Trustee Jim McGarvey	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
Trustee Ken Rule	X	Yes		No		Abstain		Absent
<b>VOTE TOTAL:</b>								
	4	Yes	0	No	0	Abstain	1	Absent
<b>RESULTS</b>								
	X	<b>PASS</b>				<b>FAIL</b>		

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting duly adjourned at 8:40pm upon motion by Trustee McGarvey and seconded by Trustee Rule.

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Clerk/Treasurer