Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2011
7:30 p.m.
Great Hill Hose Company

Commissioner’s Attending: Gene Atkas, Al Rochelle, Clay Jurgens, Chris Motasky

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

June Meeting Minutes:
Correction:
- On the last page, fourth paragraph, it should state Ambulance “Corp” not “Core”.
Discussion:
- Asst. Chief Smith informed the Commissioners that B&L is closing.

Motion made to accept June Meeting Minutes as submitted by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 4-0

June Joint Meeting Minutes:
Motion made to accept June Meeting Minutes as submitted by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0

Correspondence:
- Two letters read from Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz regarding Reports and Appointment.

Financial Report:
- Commissioner Jurgens did not have a financial report.
Public Comment:
- Captain Zaniewski stated that he received a written warning he wants to appeal it. Chairman Atkas asked if his facial hair would have come in contact with the mask. Captain Zaniewski feels he didn’t violate the SOP. Commissioner Motasky said if it didn’t happen at a drill or fire scene, then they have no say. Chief Tomasheski said that he can’t chase everyone around at a fire to check for facial hair. Chairman Atkas feels based on current SOG and what has or hasn’t been done he feels it should be removed from Captain Zaniewski’s file.

Motion made to remove written warning from Captain Zaniewski’s file by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 3-1

- Wayne Lewis stated that he received a warning regarding radio communications and wanted the warning removed from his file as well.

Motion made to remove warning from Wayne Lewis’ file by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 3-1

- Chairman Atkas has stated that he wants normal language used during radio communication.

Requisitions: Please see attached.

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Motion made to accept Requisitions by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 4-0

Motion made to go into executive session at 8:50p.m. by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 4-0

Motion made to come out of executive session at 9:24p.m. by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. No votes or actions were taken. Approved 4-0

Motion made to appoint Jeffrey Cronin as Fire Inspector by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 4-0
Fire Marshal’s Report:
- April, May and June, 2011’s Fire Marshal Reports were handed out. Chairman Atkas asked if the fire at 82 Main Street was caused by cooking oil. DFM Willis said the man attempted to put the fire out with water.
- Commissioner Rochelle asked why there were so many inspections in June compared to April and May. DFM Willis stated that it was a plan review for new constructions. It could be a building or occupancy.
Motion made to accept Fire Marshal’s Reports by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 4-0.

July Chief’s Minutes:
Discussion:
- Commissioner Rochelle asked if the new bill was a fire police bill. Chief Tomasheski said that it was.
- Commissioner Rochelle asked about the police meeting. Asst. Chief Smith said that they talked about combining damages. Other minor things were brought up but dispatching was the big issue. They plan on rectifying this quickly.

Motion made to accept Minutes as submitted by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0

Old Business:
Motion made to request a meeting with the First Selectman to discuss Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0

- Chairman Atkas stated that they attempted twice to discuss what they are currently doing and how they could work better together with Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz and both attempts failed. He also stated that he wants reports improved and updated.

New Business:
- Commissioner Rochelle stated that the front awning needs to be fixed at Citizens. A Vendor was in there and if approved he will fix the awning for $1,800.00. Commissioner Rochelle also stated that there is a big bubble in the bathroom floor.
- Commissioner Motasky stated that there is water damage at Great Hill. He hasn’t heard anything from the Insurance Company yet. He said that the repairs need to be done regardless. He will email First Selectman Paul Roy regarding the status of repairs at Great Hill.
- Chief Tomasheski said that all items on Rescue 17 are fixed but the lean. They feel it might be a spring issue.

Motion made to send First Selectman Paul Roy a letter requesting to be put on the Board of Selectman’s Agenda for August 2, 2011 to discuss the new Rescue 12 and the new Chief’s vehicle by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 4-0
Other Business: None

Motion made to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Mrazik
Board Secretary
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By our signatures below, we approve the requisitions indicated above:

Date: ______________________

Thomas Tomasheski, Chief

Steve Childs, Asst. Chief

James Smith, Asst. Chief

John Cronin Jr. Asst. Chief