



BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS

SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

**1 FIRST STREET
SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT**

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2009

7:30pm

Great Hill Hose Company

2/9/09
4:42pm

Chiefs Attending: Scott Andrews, Tom Tomasheski, Jim Smith, Dale Cann

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept January Meeting Minutes as submitted by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0

Correspondence: None

New Rescue 17:

- Chris Motasky stated that the Truck Committee recommends accepting the new truck. He noted that the previous issues have been taking care of. Chief Andrews said at the inspection, the truck performed to expectations.

Motion made to recommend acceptance of new Rescue 17 to the Board of Fire Commissioners by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0

Motion made to suspend meeting at 7:47pm by Asst. Chief Smith, 2nd by Asst. Chief Tomasheski. Approved 4-0

Motion to reconvene meeting at 7:54pm by Asst. Chief Cann, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0

Aquarion Water Company:

- Fire Marshal Wetowitz introduced representatives and gave a quick overview of why they were invited to the meeting. He noted it costs \$310,000 yearly for hydrants and water mains. John Poremba explained that hydrants are flow tested when a building is built or it is formerly requested. There are approximately 3,4000 hydrants they have to maintenance. Every two years they are pressurized, made sure drains are working properly, threads are greased, etc. Aquarion Representative said he would like a list of where water improvements are needed. Chief Andrews said he has a list of areas in town that have water issues. He asked if there is a possibility of a system upgrade. It was noted that critical area locations are brought to their Capital Program Engineering body and if money is left in budget, then a decision is made. He noted there is a possibility for work

to be done in 2010. Asst. Chief Smith asked if updated emergency contact numbers could be obtained.

Chiefs Report:

Health Report:

- Chief Andrews said Asst. Chief Cann will be taking over physical reports and health items.

Maintenance Report:

- Both Citizens and Great Hill handed in maintenance reports and they were discussed.
- Chief Andrews said he is still waiting for elevator keys.
- R-12 has a short in the 240' cord reel, E-10 has a rot whole in the floor on the drivers side; Tom Jensen to repair, T-14 electric auto-eject not working properly & bypass key is missing.
- E-18 radiator leak has been bypassed, chainsaw needs to be repaired/tuned-up.
- Captain Lombardi stated the Historical Committee at Citizens would like to keep the old nozzles. Chief Andrews asked Captain Lombardi to bring a list of items for discussion.
- Citizens house compressor has been losing air, approximately 1,000lbs. over 2 days. Chiefs to look into.

Motion made to recommend that the old Argus Thermal Imaging Camera be scrapped by Asst. Chief Smith, 2nd by Asst. Chief Cann. Approved 4-0

Motion made to recommend that the 20lbs. Halon Extinguisher be scrapped by Asst. Chief Smith, 2nd by Asst. Chief Cann. Approved 4-0

Training Report:

- Asst. Chief Smith still needs training records and drills for 2008 from both companies.
- 2Q class being held in the spring, list of interested personnel to be obtained.
- Firefighter I class in progress.
- Asst. Chief Smith said copies of NIMS certifications need to be put on file. Captain Lombardi believes certifications already handed in. Asst. Chief Smith to review.
- Possible dates for Super Sunday are February 18th and March 1st.
- Dates for Fairfield Fire School will be put together for the spring.

Old Business:

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked if the process for alpha paging mutual aid calls could be changed. Chief Andrews said he spoke to Northwest and they said it just needs to be added to the database.
- Captain Zaniewski asked if prices have been obtained for officer patches for turn-out gear. Chief Andrews said not yet.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski handed out proposed fire department requirements for Captain and Lieutenant. Plan is to hold over until next month. Current Officers were given a copy to review and bring back comments.

New Business:

- Asst. Chief Smith said pre-plans for the building on Smith Street need to be produced.

He would like a committee to be formed consisting of an Officer, 2 members, and the fire police. This needs to be completed this year.

- Building on Wakeley/Deforest needs to be reviewed with FM I. Specifics include: accessing doors, keys, and sprinklers.
- HazMat awareness and operational level refreshers are needed.
- Chief Andrews said a meeting is to be scheduled with Oxford, Bethany, Beacon Falls, and Seymour to discuss mutual aid planning, RIT responses, and running guidelines. Possible meeting date is February 24th.
- Fran Jones from Shelton is also putting together a meeting of all Valley Chiefs to discuss guidelines and running rules. Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 25th at 6:30pm, place TBD.
- Captain Lombardi said Tom Davis has been cleared to be a driver on the Engines, broken pager given to Clerk Oczkowski, and Firematic to replace hose and repair combi-tool on R-12. He noted that a tool will be taken from an engine to put on R-12.
- Chief Andrews asked the Officers to prioritize their lists for equipment from now until the end of the year. Trying to spend down monies.
- Chris Motasky, President of Great Hill said a letter is being sent to the 1st Selectman stating the Great Hill Hose Company supports staying with the current dispatching program.
- FM I noted there are potentially 2 house demolitions. One on West & Bank and the other on North Street. Chief Andrews asked about asbestos. FM I said abatement would be done first.
- FM I also said Carousel Gardens is no longer in business, but the owner is living on the 3rd floor.
- Chief Andrews said the budget was presented to the Commissioners as is. Currently, 2% under what last years budget was. Building maintenance may need to be cut. Budget hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 25th.

Fire Police Report:

- Fire Police Captain George Decker said there is nothing new to report.
- Quotes for lights, wands, and horns were discussed.

Public Comment: None

Requisitions:

Quantity	Item	Vendor	Total Price
2	Fire Ground Strategies: Private Dwelling, Strip Malls, & Taxpayers Seminar	CT Fire Academy	\$ 110.00
22	Ground Ladder Testing	Century Ladder Testing	\$ 900.00
5	Full Size Pump Maintenance	E J Boughton Co. LLC	\$ 1,475.00
3	PTO Pump Maintenance	E J Boughton Co. LLC	\$ 585.00
	Apparatus Pump Testing (E- 15, 18 & T-19)	Gowans-Knight	\$ 900.00
	Firefighter I Class for 3 Members	Valley Fire School	\$ 1,800.00
	SCBA pack repair	Shipman's	\$ 100.00

Motion to accept requisitions as discussed by Asst. Chief Cann, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0

Executive Session: None

Other Business:

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski requested that extinguishers that have to be filled be marked. He also noted that next month both HazMat Lieutenant and Dive Lieutenant positions need to be reviewed and discussed.

**Motion to adjourn at 9:22pm by Asst. Chief Smith, 2nd by Asst. Chief Cann.
Approved 4-0**

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Lombardi
Board Secretary