



Board of Fire Commissioners

1 FIRST STREET

SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT 06483

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Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2014

Citizens' Engine Company

Commissioner's attending: Scott Andrews, Gene Atkas, Clay Jurgens, Pete Sampiere, and Chris Motasky

Meeting called to order at 7 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept March minutes made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 3-0-2. Commissioners Atkas and Andrews abstained.

Correspondence: Letter from David Stevens regarding resignation from Fire Marshal's office.

Financial Report:

Commissioner Jurgens stated that the purchase order for Tracey's was increased by \$126. The purchase order for Phoenix propane was decreased by \$2,000 and then the East River Energy Purchase order was increased by \$2,000.

Commissioner Jurgens stated that the check from insurance company for the repairs to Great Hill's window is in and just waiting for it to be deposited into the correct account.

Motion to accept financial report as submitted made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0.

Fire Marshal's Report: See Attached.

Fire Marshal Wetowitz stated that the new 67 Diner opened today. He also stated that there have been some hang ups with the demolition of Seymour Lumber.

Motion to accept Fire Marshal's report made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 5-0.

April Chief's minutes:

Discussion-

Chairmen Atkas asked about the representation at meetings. Commissioner Motasky stated that at a Selectmen's meeting it was mentioned that correspondence was sent out to neighbors on Fire department letterhead. No Letter was provided. Asst. Chief Lombardi stated that there was also a

question regarding tax abatements. Commissioner Motasky also stated that a selectperson wanted specifics on tax abatements and how they are given out.

Old Business:

Chief Smith stated that a workshop was held on Engine 10 and 18. He stated that the basic feeling is that a Utility truck with 4 wheel drive would be the best direction. Would have to look in to funding. Commissioner Andrews stated that a list of specifications should be drafted for the trucks.

New Business:

Motion to accept the resignation of David Stevens made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0.

-Commissioner Motasky stated that he would like to have a workshop to go over the SOP/SOG with Board of Fire Commissioners. **Workshop date is scheduled for May 8th at 7pm at Citizens'.**

-Commissioner Jurgens asked is the Employee handbook should be adopted by the department. Commissioner Andrews stated that we are expected to follow the handbook being that we are a town department. He also stated that if there needs to be any changes to adopt that it should then be sent back to Town hall for approval.

-Chief Smith stated he has a list of PPE needed from Great Hill and that he is still waiting on a list from Citizens'. He also stated that these all need to be ordered by the end of fiscal year.

-Asst. Chief Childs attended the Take a Stand Meeting.

-Asst. Chief Cronin is actively working on radio programming.

-It was stated that there was a problem with the computer at Citizens' with the watch station computer. It was also stated that it needs to be looked into to get it secured. Commissioner Andrews stated that he feels there are ways to secure the computer. Commissioner Jurgens stated he wants it checked by the town's IT before it gets used. Asst. Chief Lombardi asked who would be monitoring the activity.

Motion to have Town's IT looks at watch station computers at both firehouses made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 5-0.

Public Comment: None.

Executive Session: None.

Other Business:

-Chief Smith stated that Department mechanic Thomas Jensen has asked to retire at the end of June. Commissioner Atkas thanked Thomas Jensen for his many years of service.

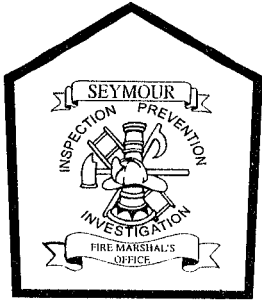
Requisitions: See attached.

Motion to approve requisitions made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Andrews. Approved 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kathleen Pelletier
Recording Secretary**



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SEYMOUR FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 2014

Below is a brief summary of the major work activities that the Seymour Fire Marshal's Office conducted during the month of March 2014:

Building Inspections – The Office conducted 0 inspections on new construction, 14 inspections on existing buildings and 7 re-inspections.

Blasting Site Inspection – 0

Blasting Complaints – 1

Other Complaints – 1

Meetings - 2

Major Activities

39 New Haven Road, Seybridge Plaza – There has been no change since last month. The Office is monitoring the construction progress for a two story small addition behind the Fitness Center.

Outside Training Attended– None.

Training activities conducted – None.

600 Derby Avenue, Haynes Quarry – Blasting activity at this site is continuing. I am monitoring the activities.

Churches – DFM Willis is still working on inspecting all churches in town.

165 Pearl Street apartment complex, a single apartment – We are waiting for the work to be completed before a final inspection for a C.O. This project is temporarily on hold.

26 - 28 Bank Street and 54 Wakely Street (continued) – The owners submitted detail plans and 9 requests to the Office for modification relief against having to bring these buildings up to the Code. I, again, spent considerable time reviewing these requests and plans and writing my responses on each one then sending the package to the State Fire Marshal's Office for their review and response. We are waiting for a response.

Fire Lane and Hydrant Enforcement – This is still in a holding pattern.

5-7 Nichols Street – Considerable time was spent again on follow up activities regarding a significant outstanding fire code violation at this address. The owner has finally submitted an acceptable written plan of action. We anticipate completion in the future.

Franklin Street, Haynes Building, potential Ace Hardware and Haynes Landscaping Store – There have been no recent new activities regarding this project.

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7 First Street, AutoZone Plaza, Marshal Arts Training business – There has been no recent new activities regarding this project.

25 Deforest Street, lowest level, chocolate factory – This tenant continuous to work out details with the building owner regarding the blocked sprinkler heads. We spent some time on discussions and review.

Deer Run Road, hoarding – After some attempts to contact the owners, I was final able to conduct an inspection inside the house. There appears to have been improvements in the potential hoarding situation. Based on this inspection, I will be taken no more action. I gave the owner several smoke alarms and a carbon monoxide alarm. The situation is not at the action level at this time. I completed a report.

Safety Committee Meeting – I prepared for, conducted, wrote up the meeting minutes and sent them out. Some follow up activities were also conducted.

43 Skokorat Road, Shady Knoll – After required tests results were presented to the Office, it was learned that the smoke detector at the top of the elevator shaft is not part of the elevator recall. After review and discussions with a State Elevator Inspector, it was determined that at the time of installation it was not required. Therefore, we cannot require it. However, I did send a letter of support to management recommending that the elevator recall system be upgraded to include this smoke detector. No response from them to date. This means that the elevator can be used by anyone if there is smoke in the shaft.

79, 89 and 101 Bank Street, Seymour Lumber Company – The Board of Condemnation, of which I am a member, recently meet to discuss and review these buildings. I created a letter of fire impact to the Town regarding these buildings. We voted to blight the buildings. This resulted in the owners agreeing to demolish the buildings. Presently, they are being scheduled to be taken down in the very near future.

Hydrants – The Office spent time inspecting, reviewing and conducting follow up activities regarding 5 hydrants that were out of service. All are back in service.

Significant Fire Investigations: 122 Day Street, vehicle arson fire – After investigation, this was determined to be an arson fire. Recently, another vehicle fire occurred in Ansonia. This was determined to also be an arson fire. Both fires involved the same local contractor. An active investigation is being conducted involving multiple agencies and the State.

20 Botsford Road, vehicle fire – This was determined to be an accidental fire. No further investigations are being conducted.

Submitted by,



Paul Wetowitz
Seymour Fire Marshal
March 26 2014

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Seymour Fire Department
Chief's Requisitions

April 2014

Qty	Item Description	Vendor	Price ea.	Total	Acct. No.	P.O. No.
1	Engine 15 Elkhart Nozzle repair	Shipman's	\$565.43	\$565.43		
1	Red repair tags	Uline	\$86.95	\$86.95		
1	portable radio chargers install L-14-Carried over	Communications Services	\$520.00	\$520.00		
1	2 regulators and 1 pack repairs-C2	Shipman's	\$997.65	\$997.65		
1	Intake Valve-C2 qty 2	Shipman's	\$1,267.50	\$2,535.00		
1	Marking tape C2	Uline	\$300.00	\$300.00		
1	in house ladder GH	Grainger	\$767.25	\$767.25		
1	Fire Police Captain Badge C2 / GH	blackington	\$69.00	\$69.00	13800	
1	reprogramming of VHF radio's	Communications Services	\$985.00	\$985.00		
1	Boat operator's license-reimbursement	Ken Pallant	\$50.00	\$50.00		
1	EMT refresher	Tom Laskowski	\$200.00	\$200.00		
1	EMT class	Brain Stevens	\$750.00	\$750.00		
1	Chainsaw repairs x3 C2	Chatfield power	TBD \$300.00	TBD \$300.00		
1	Pant repair-sent back UV damage GH	Shipman's	\$25.00	\$25.00		
1	RIT pak upgrade C2	Shipman's	\$259.95	\$259.95		
1	Food for S&T class OCH.	Leant Hill	\$148.59	\$148.59		
10	sets of Tenard GME	Shipman's	23075.00	23075.00		
1	Radio Boots Size 13V GH.	Shipman's				
				\$0.00		

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+ \$148.59

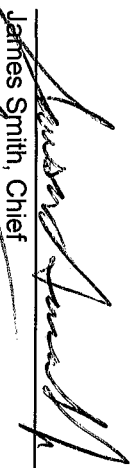
TMC = \$8328.82

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By our signatures below, we approve the requisitions indicated above:

Date: _____

4/14/14


James Smith, Chief

Steve Childs Asst. Chief


Michael Lombardi, Asst. Chief

John Cronin Jr. Asst. Chief