



Board of Fire Commissioners

1 FIRST STREET

SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT 06483

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2014

7:30 pm

Citizens' Engine Company

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DATE: 9/16/14
TIME: 8:50 AM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Commissioner's attending: Pete Sampiere, Clay Jurgens, Scott Andrews, Chris Motasky, and Gene Atkas (7:15)

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

Correspondence:

- Thank you card from Pete Sampiere.
- Resumes for Asst. Chief's position submitted by Scott Andrews, Dan Zaniewski, Thomas Tomasheski.

Motion made to accept July meeting minutes as submitted made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0.

Financial Report:

- Commissioner Jurgens stated that there are only 3 open purchase orders remaining from last year.
- Commissioner Jurgens stated that the purchase order that was cut for Engine 11 originally for \$300 needed to be increased to \$499.73.
- Commissioner Jurgens stated that an emergency purchase order was cut for repairs to the cab on Engine 13.
- Commissioner Jurgens stated that the original purchase order cut for Engine 13 needs to be increased to \$2143.26.

Motion made to accept Financial Report as submitted by Commissioner Andrews, Commissioner Motasky. Approved 4-0.

Fire Marshal's Report: See attached

Motion made to accept Fire Marshal's report made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Andrews. Approved 4-0.

August Chief's Minutes:

Discussion:

-Commissioner Atkas asked about the status of Engine 13. Chief Cronin stated the truck was still at Tracy's and still be working on.

Motion made to accept August Chief's Minutes by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 5-0.

Old Business:

-Commissioner Motasky stated that he had the mechanic/engineer job description. Changes that were made are as follows: Add preferred Fire Department member. 5 years heavy duty mechanic experience, Q or CDL license, and annual appointment.

Motion to accept Mechanic/Head Engineer job description with above changes made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd Commissioner Andrews. Approved 5-0.

-Commissioner Jurgens stated he was approached about the brick work at Citizens. LoCIP funds are available as a part of the restoration to tower.

-Commissioner Andrews stated he hasn't had a chance to work on the accident report.

-Commissioner asked about the status of the resignation of Steve Childs. Asst. Chief Lombardi stated after numerous attempts to contact him he hasn't heard anything back.

Motion to hold a special meeting to conducted interviews for the Asst. Chief's position to be held on August 20th, 7 PM, at Citizens Engine made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd Commissioner Motasky. Approved 4-0-1. Andrews Abstained.

New Business-

None

Executive Session: None

Other Business:

-Chief Cronin discussed plans to replace the training towers at Great Hill.

Motion to allow Chiefs to move forward with training props at Great Hill made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

-Commissioner Jurgens asked why chiefs are handling building issues. Chief Cronin stated that are only handling what effects operations.

-Commissioner Jurgens stated that all receipts at Daddio's need to be signed when purchasing items.

Public Comment: none

Requisitions: See Attached

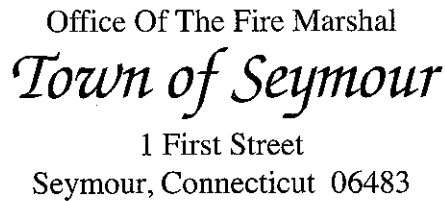
Motion made to approve requisitions by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:32 by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky.

Approved 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Pelletier
Recording Secretary



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Franklin Street, Haynes Building, Haynes Landscaping Store – There has been no recent activity for this building complex. However, the landscaping retail operation continues to operate.

79, 89 and 101 Bank Street, Seymour Lumber Company – The anticipated demolition of these buildings is on hold. A potential demolition date is unknown to this writer.

45 Broad St. Congregational Church – We are still waiting for an anticipated plan in order to address the front stairway non-fire rated walls and doors. An elevator is being planned for future installation.

165 Main St., Strand Theatre – Work is still progressing to address issues.

172 North Street, Nail Saloon – Construction work has begun on this fit up. We are monitoring the progress.

360 Roosevelt Drive, multiple single family dwellings and a vacant Room and Lodging house – After investigation and review, the resident's concerns are not related to a fire marshal's authority. We assisted them as far as we could and conducted the appropriate referrals.

770 Derby Avenue – The office conducted a plan review for a building shell. It is approximately 6,000 square feet in size. Potential tenants have not been selected yet. This is behind the Veneer building.

28 Smith Street, Smithfield Gardens Assisted Living – A yearly review was conducted of their fire evacuation plan. No additional suggestions were identified.

25, 33 and 41 Deforest Street apartment buildings – We had to address, both written and verbal complaints, from a tenant regarding shopping carts being left in hallways and near exit doors in the buildings. His concerns were it blocking handicap and non- handicap egress and impeding first responders. This resulted in multiple discussions with the owners. I also created a notice to all residents regarding the situation. I was informed it got posted on all apartment doors.

Heritage Drive – The office investigated and did some follow up activity regarding a fire department concern about a potential hoarding situation. The fire department was dispatched to the address to assist EMS in removing two patients from the house. Some progress is being made on a long term plan with potential assistance from relatives.

Significant Fire Investigations: 85 Grand Street – This appears to have been an accidental fire on the outside of the house. Potential cause could have been lighting. Light to moderate fire damage.

31 Silvermine Road, Dekarz Engineering – This appears to have been an accidental fire. A lawn sprinkler panel and vacuum cleaner were consumed. Potential cause could have been lighting. Fire damage was light but smoke damage was substantial.

Submitted by,



Paul Wetowitz
Seymour Fire Marshal
August 7 2014

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**Seymour Fire Department
Chief's Requisitions**

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

Date: _____


8-11-14




~~Steven Smith, Chief~~

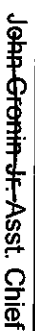


Steven Smith, Asst. Chief


Doug Zerk, Sec. Sr.



Michael Lombardi, Asst. Chief



John Grenin Jr., Asst. Chief