



Board of Fire Commissioners

1 FIRST STREET

SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT 06483

Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2014

7:00p.m.

Citizen's Engine Company

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DATE: 11/8/15

TIME: 12:00pm

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept October Meeting Minutes Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-0-1. Sampiere Abstained

Correspondence:

- Resume submitted for Mechanic position by Sean Walsh
- Letter from Finance Department about budget submittal date.

Financial Report:

Discussion-

Commissioner Jurgens stated that emergency purchase order was cut for Jarvis Electric for the repairs to lights at Great Hill. Also 2 purchase orders were cut to Naugatuck Garage Door for 2 separate repairs at Citizens. Commissioner Jurgens stated that the purchase order for Daddios' and Tracy's for DOT inspections both needed to be increased due to repairs found during inspections.

Motion made to accept Financial Report as submitted by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0.

Fire Marshal's Report:

Discussion-

Commissioner Atkas stated that no one was present from the Fire Marshal's office.

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

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

November Chief's Minutes:

Discussion-

-Commissioner Atkas asked about the hydrant flags. Asst. Chief Tomasheski stated flags needed to be replaced.

Motion made to accept Minutes by Commissioner Sampiere, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 5-0.

December Chief's Minutes:

Discussion:

-Commissioner Atkas asked about the status of Tom Laskowski. Asst. Chief Lombardi stated he is currently under exempt firefighter status.

-Commissioner Jurgens asked about the tags and salamander system. Asst. Chief Zaniewski stated there was a discussion about which system works better.

-Commissioner Atkas asked if "spotters" was a current issue. Asst. Chief Lombardi stated that there was no current problem just taking precautions.

-Commissioner Andrews asked what changes were made to SOG/SOP WTR1. Asst. Chief Zaniewski stated a Captain was added to the dive team along with the Lieutenants.

Motion made to accept October Chief's minutes made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Andrews stated he wanted to clarify the conversation about Engines 10 and 18. He thought it was going to be brought back to the Board of Fire

Commissioners before going to the Board of Selectmen. Commissioner Andrews feels that it is important that the correct processes are followed. He is in favor of surplus the apparatus just wants to see them replaced with proper equipment. Asst. Chief Lombardi stated that a vendor came to look at both trucks. The vendor looked at both trucks and believed he could have buyers for both. Commissioner Motasky stated he went to the Selectmen's meeting with Chief Cronin and feels that the Board of Selectmen may want to offer the trucks to other departments. Commissioner Motasky also stated he feels that the department should surplus both vehicles.

Motion to surplus Engines 10 and 18 with the intent of funds from sale of vehicles be used for replacement of both vehicles made by Commissioner Jurgens, 2nd by Sampiere. Approved 5-0.

Motion to allow Chiefs and Engineers to remove all equipment off of both Engines 10 and 18 made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0.

Motion to attend next Board of Selectman meeting to offer proposal for sale of Engines 10 and 18 made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

Motion to empower the chiefs to come up with a package for replacement vehicles for Engine 10 and 18 made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

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- Commissioner Jurgens stated he talked to First Selectmen Miller regarding the brick work at Citizens'. Selectmen Miller stated he believed that the work had been completed. Commissioner Jurgens informed the First Selectmen that the work hasn't been started as of yet. Commissioner Jurgens stated that the job was awarded to Dave Holmes.
- Commissioner Jurgens stated he had a discussion with town hall regarding the monitoring of both firehouses. He was told there currently isn't any money for this bill but Commissioner Jurgens is waiting to talk to the First Selectmen regarding this and will let the board know about the answer.
- Asst. Chief Zaniwski asked about the lights for both firehouses. Commissioner Jurgens stated he is currently working on it.

New Business:

Motion to approve 2015 board of Fire Commissioners meeting dates as submitted made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0.

-Asst. Chief Lombardi stated that FF Laskowski asked to be put on as Exempt firefighter status because he lives out of town. Asst. Chief Lombardi stated he didn't agree with this decision as it doesn't make sense to have a firefighter living out of town. Commissioner Andrews stated that in his personal research he found that the SOG in question violates the Town Ordinance. Commissioner Jurgens read the ordinance that applies. Commissioner Atkas asked if this member is in good standing. Asst. Chief Zaniewski stated that the member in question does meet the requirements of the fire department. Commissioner Motasky stated that due to the ordinance valuable members will be lost. He proposed having the ordinance changed to reflect members living in surrounding towns. Commissioner Jurgens stated he doesn't have a problem changing the ordinance to include surrounding towns. Commissioner Atkas stated that the SOG ADM 14 needs to be changed in cooperation with the ordinance. Commissioner Andrews also stated that all ordinances need to be looked at and changed to be updated.

Motion to follow 6.22 with regards to Seymour Fire Department SOG ADM 14 be rewritten to fall in compliance with town ordinance made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens.

Discussion:

Commissioner Motasky stated he was against the motion because he feels that the decision should be tabled. Commissioner Andrews stated being this has come to our attention the Board of Fire Commissioners has to take action of this right now.

Commissioner Andrews amended his motion to include that the Board of Fire Commissioners will go over and address the current fire department ordinances to go before the Board of Selectmen for appropriate changes to bring them up to date made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 4-1-0. Commissioner Motasky opposed.

-Commissioner Atkas stated at this point no member can be in the exempt status. Asst. Chief Zaniewski asked if gear needs to be pulled from every member who lives out of town. Commissioner Andrews said instead of pulling gear he would like the Chiefs to investigate who may live out of town.

Motion to set a special meeting to interview Sean Walsh for Mechanic Engineer Supervisor on December 15th at 7 pm at Citizens made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

-Commissioner Andrews stated he was opposed to the wording of SOG/SOP ADM 15 and doesn't believe that the Chief's should be dictating company fundraising.

Motion to table SOG/SOP ADM 15 for 30 days made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Andrews. Approved 5-0.

Motion to approve addition of Captain's position per SOG/SOP WTR 1 made by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 5-0.

Public Comment-

-Commissioner Andrews would like to thank Gene Atkas for his time serving on the board of fire commissioners. Asst. chief Tomasheski wanted to thanks both Gene Atkas and Scott Andrews for all their time serve.

Executive Session-None

Other Business:

-Commissioner Atkas thanked everyone for their cooperation over his time on the served on the board.

-Commissioner Andrews stated there has been lots of up and downs but ups did outweigh the downs.

Requisitions: See Attached

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

Motion made to adjourn at 9:34pm by Commissioner Andrews, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Pelletier
Recording secretary



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

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

FM Wetowitz was on vacation for 1 ½ weeks. The activity level may appear low.

Building Inspections – The Office conducted 9 inspections on new construction, 4 inspections on existing buildings and 3 re-inspections. Please keep in mind that after each inspection, some type of a report needs to be created.

Blasting Permit – 0 Blasting Site Inspections – 0 Blasting Complaints – 0 Other Complaints – 2
Meetings - 6

Detail Code Reviews – 2 Detail follow-up activities – 2 Hydrant inspections with follow up - 0

Letters sent out to Balance Rock tenants involving 20 pound propane tanks on balconies - 0

Burning Permits – 2

Major Activities

Outside Training Attended – DFM Willis attended a State F.M. class on Fire Investigation Legal Liabilities.

Training activities conducted – DFM Willis conducted fire safety training at a Seymour Oxford Rotary Club meeting and 2 days of fire extinguisher training on stove fires for Seymour High School students. The stove training equipment was borrowed from the State Fire Academy.

26 - 28 Bank Street and 54 Wakely Street (No change, continued) – We are continuing to working on the Code violations with the owners. They are proposing plans to address the issues in short and long term time frames. Some of the violations have been corrected.

45 Broad St. Congregational Church – There has been no change since last month. 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.

770 Derby Avenue – This project is under construction. The building shell is up. At this time, we have not received any plans for any occupants.

Pizzaro's Pizza, 225 West Street Oxmour Plaza – This project is under construction. Multiple construction inspections have occurred. A plan review was conducted on the proposed Ansul System for the cooking equipment. I would estimate about 70 percent completed.

Fire Prevention Activities – The Office conducted work on the fire prevention poster contest. We reviewed hundreds of posters from Bungay School. Chatfield School posters will be reviewed in December.

Safety Work – I prepared for, conducted and completed the Safety Committee quarterly meeting and minutes. We also conducted a safety inspection at Public Works building where we conducted the meeting. Multiple follow up activities were conducted.

Boys and Girls Club, 20 Pine Street – A fire drill was prepared for and conducted for this group. A detailed occupancy load evaluation was conducted with signs posted in their rooms.

Grants – DFM Willis is working on writing for multiple grants for bringing in a fire safety seminar on a past dormitory fire and the effect that had on two of the burned students.

67 Pub, 225 West Street – The office conducted a plan review and is assisting the owner for expansion of the business into a next door vacant space. Part of the expansion includes the installation of a full kitchen and hood system.

Entertainment Cinemas – A complaint was received regarding chained exit doors. A follow up did reveal that a pair of exit doors were chained closed due to their locking devices being broken. Appropriate action was taken by the theater and this Office to ensure it does not occur again.

Significant Fire Investigations: 20 Rolling Hills Drive – This is an undetermined fire at this time. This was an exterior fire. Minor damage occurred to the exterior of the house.

Each event requires a detailed written report to be completed.

Submitted by,



Paul Wetowitz
Seymour Fire Marshal

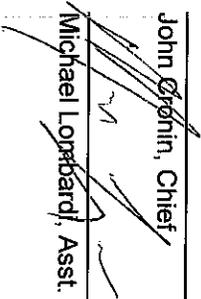
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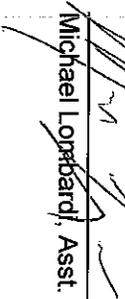
**Seymour Fire Department
Chief's Requisitions**

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

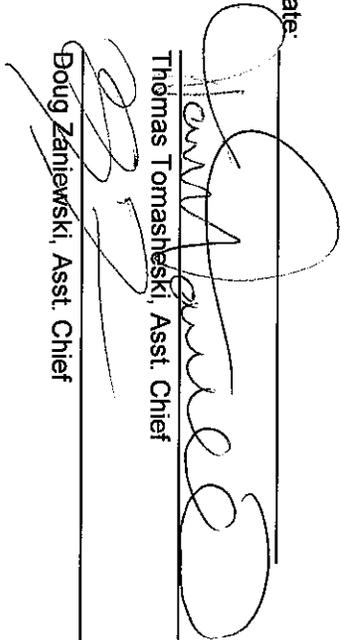
Date:



John Cronin, Chief



Michael Lombardi, Asst. Chief



Thomas Tomashski, Asst. Chief



Doug Zaniewski, Asst. Chief