

## Board of Fire Commissioners

1 First Street  
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

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### Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2009

7pm

### Great Hill Hose Company

**Commissioners Attending:** Ugo Zullo, Al Rochelle, Gene Atkas,  
Pete Sampiere (@ 7:15pm)

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion made to accept June Meeting Minutes as submitted by Commissioner Atkas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 3-0**

#### **Correspondence:**

1. Resignation letter from Commissioner Patrick Lombardi. Resignation from this board will take effect as of August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Financial Report:** None

#### **Fire Marshal's Report:**

- Summary of Office Activity for June 2009 was read and reviewed. **Motion made to accept Fire Marshal's Report by Commissioner Rochelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Atkas. Approved 3-0**
- Chief Andrews asked if reports are getting to the state. Fire Department Clerk is waiting for updated NFIRS reports. It was suggested that Fire Marshal Wetowitz conduct random spot checks, to make sure reports are being read appropriately.

#### **Chief's Minutes:**

**Motion made to accept Chief's minutes as submitted by Commissioner Atkas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 4-0**

- Commissioner Rochelle said the Valley Fire Chief's Regional Training School will be holding a Firefighter II class in September/October. He suggests that interested members get their applications in early.
- Chairman Zullo asked if FF Koskelowski turned in his turnout gear. Officers to follow up. Chief Andrews also asked if they can find out if he has a valid blue light permit.

**Old Business:**

**Disposition of training tower at Great Hill:**

- Asst. Chief Tomasheski met with the town building inspector and his recommendations were reviewed. The building inspector recommends tearing the towers down and leaving only the four corner posts. Asst. Chief Tomasheski expressed his disappointment. Plan is to talk to First Selectman Koskelowski to see if the building inspector could work on preparing new plans for new towers during office hours.
- Chairman Zullo also expressed his disappointed but, suggested for safety purposes this project be done right. He asked the Chiefs to put together a proposal. The public works department will come in and take towers down.

**Motion made to send letter to First Selectman Koskelowski asking for cooperation and as much assistance as possible for the rebuilding of two new training towers at Great Hill by Commissioner Rochelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Atkas. Approved 4-0**

**New Business:**

**Motion to accept Commissioner Patrick Lombardi's resignation letter with regret by Commissioner Atkas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 4-0**

**Motion made to amend the agenda and add appointment of new Treasurer by Commissioner Sampiere, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Atkas. Approved 4-0**

**Motion made to nominate Commissioner Al Rochelle for Treasurer by Commissioner Atkas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sampiere. Nominations Closed. Approved: yes-3, no-0, abstain-1**

**Motion made to amend the agenda and add appointment of new Vice-Chairman by Commissioner Rochelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Atkas.**

**Motion made to nominate Commissioner Gene Atkas for Vice-Chairman by Commissioner Sampiere, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rochelle. Nominations Closed. Approved: yes-3, no-0, abstain-1**

- Chief Andrews noted that E-18 failed pump testing. The truck was unable to pump for more than 10 minutes without over heating. Town Mechanic Tom Jensen will be looking into. It has been placed on limited service. Changes to the running guidelines have been sent to Northwest Public Safety.
- Chief Andrews asked if this list of items could be surplused:
  1. Flat bottom boat with trailer
  2. 24" ladder
  3. old hose covers
  4. 1 length 3' hose
  5. 2 lengths 1 ¾' hose

**Motion made to surplus items as listed by Commissioner Rochelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 4-0**

**Public Comment:**

- Citizens Fire Police Captain George Decker expressed his concern with calls that involve reconstructions by the police department. There have been instances where the fire apparatus have been cleared from scene but the fire police have stayed for traffic control. He asked if this board could expedite the use of the old dive van for these situations.
- Commissioner Rochelle noted that he was the Incident Commander on a scene last week and he was under the impression that when the apparatus cleared the scene, so did the fire police. He said the fire police were asked to stay by a police department official.
- Chief Andrews said he will meet with the police department concerning this matter and he also vocalized, that he was offended that Mr. Decker chose to bring this topic to the Board of Fire Commissioners before attempting to have the Fire Chief's mediate the situation first.
- Commissioner Atkas stated he agrees that when apparatus is cleared from a scene, so are the fire police.

**Requisitions: Please see attached.**

**Motion made to accept requisitions as submitted by Commissioner Atkas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 4-0**

**Other Business:**

- Commissioner Atkas stated diesel engines need to be updated. He believes it has been years since they have been updated last. Chief Andrews to follow-up.
- Commissioner Rochelle suggested putting together a policy regarding the ancillary use of fire department equipment including vehicles. Suggestion comes from incident where a non-fire department individual was given permission to drive a Chief's Vehicle. The Ladies Auxiliaries will also be included in the policy.

**Motion made to adjourn at 7:55pm by Commissioner Rochelle. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 4-0**

Respectfully Submitted,



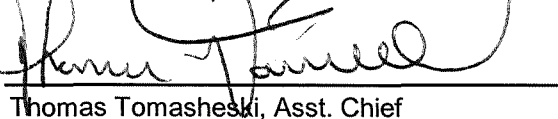
Karen Lombardi  
Board Secretary

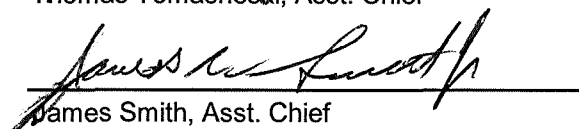
**Seymour Fire Department  
Chief's Requisitions**

Qty	Item Description	Vendor	Price ea.	Total	Acct. No.	P.O. No.
8	Groves 24" Ready Racks	Shipman's	241.25	1,930.00	745	
1	Hose Testing	Failsafe	7,100.00	7,100.00	743	
1	Open Account	Balko's Service Center	500.00	500.00	430	
1	Open Account	Chatfield Power Equipment	500.00	500.00	430	
1	Open Account	Communication Services	750.00	750.00	430	
1	Open Account	Daddio's New Auto Parts	1,500.00	1,500.00	430	
1	Open Account	Kirk Products	500.00	500.00	430	
1	Open Account	Oxford Paint and Hardware	500.00	500.00	720	
1	Open Account	Tire Shack	250.00	250.00	430	
1	Open Account	Utility Communications	1,500.00	1,500.00	430	
1	Steward Services	Citizens Engine Co.	1,288.00	1,288.00	720	
1	Steward Services	Great Hill Hose Co.	1,288.00	1,288.00	720	
1	Dues for 2008/2009 and 2009/2010	Valley Fire Chiefs	400.00	400.00	350	
				18,006.00		

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

  
L. Scott Andrews, Chief

  
Thomas Tomasheski, Asst. Chief

  
James Smith, Asst. Chief

Date: 7/13/09

  
Dale Cann, Asst. Chief

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Qty	Item Description	Vendor	Price ea.	Total	Acct. No.	P.O. No.
1	Welding crack on Tanker 19	Ed Bouton	1,800.00	1,800.00	430	
1	Repair gate valve on Eng. 16	Ed Bouton		-		
1	Toner Cartridge for GH fax	WB Mason	45.00	45.00	720	
1	reimbursement for training	George Decker	30.00	30.00		
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