

## **Board of Fire Commissioners**

1 First Street

Seymour, Connecticut 06483

### **Meeting Minutes**

**February 9, 2009**

**7:30pm**

**Citizens Engine Company**

**Commissioners Attending:** Ugo Zullo, Patrick Lombardi, Al Rochelle, Gene Atkas, Pete Sampiere

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion made to accept January Meeting Minutes as submitted by Commissioner Rochelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved: 4-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.**

Discussion: none

**Motion made to accept January 27<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes as submitted by Commissioner Atkas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rochelle.**

**Approved: 4-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain.**

Discussion: none

**Motion made to accept February 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Lombardi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Atkas. Approved: 3-yes, 0-no, 2-abstain.**

Discussion: none

#### **Correspondence:**

- Letter from Great Hill Hose Company President Chris Motasky sent to First Selectman Koskelowski regarding concerns with the potential switch with dispatching services.

#### **Financial Report:**

- Commissioner Lombardi discussed last years budget. It was suggested closing out all other open P.O.'s. Commissioner Atkas asked how you can just close out a P.O. Both Chairman Zullo and Commissioner Lombardi explained, some of the P.O.'s have been opened for a long time and if after the P.O.'s have been closed and the companies are now looking for their money a new P.O. can be cut. Commissioner Rochelle believes the majority of the products/equipment have been delivered/received and just not billed for yet.

- Commissioner Lombardi mentioned that the Repairs and Maintenance line item is getting low.

- 91% of the oil budget has been expended and a \$12-14,000 transfer will be needed to

cover the rest of the year. Commissioner Lombardi said he would like to get a more accurate number from Tony Casserta of the Finance Department before transfer is completed.

**Motion made to make transfer from line item 720- building improvements by Commissioner Atkas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 5-0**

**Fire Marshal's Report:**

- Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz read Summary of Office Activity for January 2009. He also noted he has prepared his 2009-2010 budget.

- Deputy Fire Marshal Michael Fritz has left the Fire Marshal's Office to pursue a new career. He noted that the First Selectman has given the approval to fill the position. The job has been posted and there are currently 7 applications as of today. Fire Marshal Wetowitz said he will be giving the applicants a test and the top 5 will be given an interview with the Board of Fire Commissioners and those top 3 will be given a regular interview with himself and Oxford Fire Marshal Scott Pelletier, then a name will be submitted to the First Selectman.

**Motion made to accept Fire Marshal's Report as submitted by Commissioner Rochelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Atkas. Approved 5-0**

**Chiefs Minutes:**

**Motion made to accept minutes as submitted by Commissioner Atkas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0**

Discussion:

- Commissioner Lombardi asked about the scrapping of an extinguisher and thermal imaging camera. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said they will properly dispose of them once approved by this board.

- Commissioner Rochelle asked about proposed requirements for company officers. He was curious if they would be brought to each company for discussion because they might interfere with by-laws. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said not at this time, they are being reviewed by the Board of Fire Chiefs as well as the current Company Officers for comments.

- Commissioner Atkas asked about the apparatus that continues to keep showing up on the engineers report, he said it has been asked to be placed on requisitions and hasn't as of yet. Chiefs explained.

**Motion made to scrap the old Argus Thermal Imaging Camera and 20lbs. Halon Extinguisher as requested in the minutes by Commissioner Lombardi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Atkas. Approved 5-0**

**Old Business:**

- Commissioner Rochelle discussed the heating system and the information he received regarding changing it to electric. After extensive research, he believes it is going to be major work and he estimates the cost to be around \$15,000.

**New Business:**

- Chairman Zullo noted the 2009 Directory has been handed out, he would like to see

them used as forms of communication. Noted changes will be updated by Board Secretary.

**Public Comment:** none

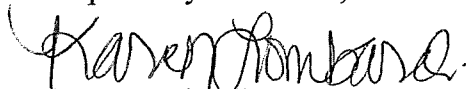
**Requisitions:**

<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Total Price</b>
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
	Floor work/waxing & Rug cleaning @ Citizens	Seymour Janitorial Services	\$ 410.00

**Motion made to accept requisitions with addition by Commissioner Lombardi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 5-0**

**Motion made to adjourn at 8:00pm by Commissioner Atkas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Karen Lombardi  
Board Secretary