

Board of Fire Commissioners

1 First Street

Seymour, Connecticut 06483

Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2008

7pm

Citizens Engine Co.

Commissioners Attending: Ugo Zullo, Patrick Lombardi, Allen Rochelle, Scott Martin, Pete Sampiere

Meeting called to order at 7:12pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept November Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved yes:3-no:0-abstain:2

Correspondence:

- Letters of intent for 2009 handed in by current Chiefs; Scott Andrews, Tom Tomasheski, Jim Smith, and Dale Cann.
- Letter handed in from Mike Kearney stating he will not be seeking another term as commissioner.
- Gene Atkas and Pete Sampiere welcomed to the Board.

Financial Report:

- Commissioner Lombardi gave current financial report and handed out a five year budget analysis.
- Letters being sent out to current vendors with engineer changes for 2009.
- Plan is to get on Board of Finance Agenda and give a quick briefing on where the fire department is with non-allocated monies.
- Food reimbursement receipts are needed from Citizens and Tom Eighmie.

Fire Marshal's Report: None

Chief's Minutes:

Motion made to accept meeting minutes by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0

Discussion:

- Commissioner Rochelle asked about the new Chief's vehicle. Chief Andrews said that the identification number is needed for delivery. Vehicle has been ordered, but P.O. may need to remain open longer.
- Commissioner Rochelle asked about the 2006 Twin Light bills. The company still claims they need to be paid. Commissioner Lombardi said he needs to research them.

- Asst. Chief Cann handed in receipts from Great Hill for the purchase of Visa gift cards for food.
- Chairman Zullo said it was recommended to the Board of Selectman for the present Chief to continue his term an extra 6 months.
- Chairman Zullo asked about the Incident Report status. Chief Andrews stated it should be up to date.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Martin stated there has been an installation of an antenna on the Great Hill building. Discussion continued. It was recommended that the antenna be removed and if it is decided it needs to be installed, then it needs to be done properly. Plan is to send a letter to the 1st Selectman and Emergency Management Director stating no changes can be made to the fire department buildings without approval by this Board.
- Commissioner Martin also noted that a bi-fold door had been installed at Great Hill, between the watch station and meeting room. Apparently, approval had been given by 1st Selectman and the door was installed by the public works department. The doors were purchased with Homeland Security funds and the decision to remove them or not should come from the membership of Great Hill.
- Chairman Zullo stated a letter had been received from the Office of Emergency Management stating these items had been brought before a Great Hill business meeting. Commissioner Martin doesn't recall that and he stated he has serious reservations with the letter. Commissioner Lombardi noted establish guidelines were not followed and if Great Hill membership is not pleased with enhancements, suggest formal action be taken and advised to take down. Discussion continued. Commissioner Rochelle noted that the Emergency Management Director completely disregarded letters from Board of Fire Commissioners that any changes need to be brought before this Board. Commissioner Martin said if the Emergency Management Director followed proper procedure, this wouldn't have been discussed. Asst. Chief Smith stated it has been reiterated numerous times to have him attend these meetings for updates. Chairman Zullo said he will invite him again.
- Commissioner Rochelle stated he will have quotes for next months meeting from Ehman regarding the electronic controls.
- Captain Wasilewski said work has been completed by Derby Glass at Great Hill.
- Chairman Zullo said he sent a letter to the 1st Selectman with current NIMS training.
- Non- reimbursement of FF John Gaudiosi's personal items from his gear was discussed. Chief Andrews explained it was the decision of the Board of Fire Chief's not to reimburse him and they are not willing to set a precedence of reimbursing every member for personal items. He stated that FF Gaudiosi has since filed a Police report and they will now conduct an appropriate investigation.

Motion made to follow Chief's recommendation not to reimburse FF Gaudiosi by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0

New Business:

- Special combined meeting for next Monday night for review and possible acceptance of Rescue 17. Meeting will be held at Great Hill at 7:30pm.
- Commissioner Lombardi stated with the arrival of new Rescue 17, there will be no rush to surplus old Rescue 17.

Public Comment: None

Requisitions:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Price</u>
1	100ft orange Hurst tool hose w/ 3 qts hydraulic fluid	Firematic	\$1,100.00
	Food reimbursement- NIMS class	Dale Cann	\$ 20.97
	VISA cards	Great Hill Hose Co.	\$
	Sanitation Pump	Ehman	\$ 4,000.00
	Water bill	Aquarion	\$ 505.26

Discussion:


- Requisitions requests from Great Hill for food reimbursement didn't have receipts attached to the list of items used. Request given back to Great Hill Officers to discuss with company.

- CT Fire Academy bookstore receipt explained by Chief Andrews.

Motion made to approve requisitions as discussed by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Martin. Approved 5-0

Motion made to adjourn at 8:33pm by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,


Karen Lombardi
Recording Secretary