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**Seymour Fire Department**  
**Board of Fire Commissioners**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**June 9, 2008**  
**Citizens-Regional Training Center**

**Commissioners Attending:** Pat Lombardi, Scott Martin, Al Rochelle

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion made to accept May meeting minutes as presented by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Martin. Approved 2-0-1**

**Discussion:**

- Commissioner Lombardi stated he hasn't received all the information for the use of a credit card. He will have it by next month's meeting.

**Correspondence:**

1. First Selectman's Office regarding the bid waiving process for a new Chief's vehicle. It stated that the fire department was responsible for any of the fee's over \$8,500.
2. First Selectman's Office regarding the conservation of fuel.
3. Memo from the State of Connecticut concerning entry-level fire service training reimbursement.

**Financial Report:**

- In Commissioner Kearney's absence, Chief Andrews explained current financial report.

He explained that the open P.O.'s had been looked into by both himself and Commissioner Kearney and they have been mostly cleaned up. Vendors have been contacted and questioned. He suggested having a combined special meeting with both the Board of Fire Commissioners and Board of Fire Chiefs to discuss remaining P.O.'s and budget issues.

- Commissioner Lombardi noted that accurate numbers, transfers, and purchases need to be completed by June 18th and handed into the Finance Department.

**Motion made by Commissioner Rochelle for a special meeting on June 16th at the training center at 7:30pm to discuss budget matters, 2nd by Commissioner Martin. Approved 3-0**

**Fire Marshal's Report:**

- Fire Marshal Wetowitz read the Fire Marshal's Report.

**Motion made to accept report as presented by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 3-0**

**Discussion:**

- Commissioner Rochelle asked about the sprinklers at Basement Systems.

FM Wetowitz explained the current CODE/policy.  
-Commissioner Lombardi asked about the open recreational burning ordinance.  
FM Wetowitz stated there is no current ordinance.

**Chief's Minutes:**

**Motion made to accept June meeting minutes as presented by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 3-0**

**Discussion:**

- Chief Andrews noted one wording change. **Motion made to accept correction by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Martin. Approved 3-0**

**Old Business:**

- Chief Andrews stated that Selectman Drugonis provided the Board of Fire Chief's the information requested to review and discuss at the board's July meeting. The information provided is regarding NIMS training.  
- Commissioner Rochelle asked Chief Andrews about the NASH representative and how one is chosen.

**New Business:**

- Commissioner Rochelle mentioned that the A/C is down at Citizens. He noted he has contacted Jim Ehman. He will try to look into the issue on Tuesday, he will also look at valves in the men's room that are not working.  
- Commissioner Rochelle asked Chief Andrews if the Board of Fire Chiefs would be handling the fuel conservation plan. Chief Andrews said a plan will be composed and brought to the Board of Fire Commissioners first. Commissioner Lombardi asked Chief Andrews to stress to the membership, Officers, Presidents/Vice-Presidents, that conservation might be more than just fuel. Chief Andrews noted that Asst. Chief Tomasheski has obtained information and is looking into solar panels.  
- Commissioner Rochelle reiterated the importance of turning off lights, A/C, heat, and closing doors to help with conservation.  
- Commissioner Rochelle asked FM Wetowitz about coordinating with Chief Andrews the members who are fighting a fire and then transfer to fire marshal duties. FM Wetowitz said he is currently seeing how things work out.  
- Commissioner Martin said there is a policy in place regarding when apparatus leaves town and the notification process. Chief Andrews said a memo was put out March 12th explaining the utilization of apparatus and that permission needs to go through the Chiefs. At the last Chief's meeting it was specified what apparatus could be taken to local and non-local parades. Chief Andrews said he realizes it's nice to show off pride, but not with the fuel conservation issues. Commissioner Lombardi said it's hard to justify the cost of a trophy vs. the cost of fuel to travel to the parade.  
- Chief's approved to destroy hose at Great Hill and are looking at the Commissioners for final approval. **Motion made to accept request to destroy hose at Great Hill by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Martin. Approved 3-0**

**Public Comment:** None

**Requisitions: See attached.**

**Motion made to accept requisitions as discussed, totaling \$4,015.00 by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Martin. Approved 3-0**

**Other Business:**

- Firefighter Chris Drugonis concerned with the disciplinary action taken by the Fire Chief's. He read the current apparatus policy. He continued on to explain his current situation and concerned how his wife would have found out of a written warning, when the information discussed wasn't suppose to leave the meeting. Commissioner Martin stated he feels that since there are four fire chief's, one of them needs to be notified. Asst. Chief Smith said he had no issue with taking the boat out for training, but how it ended up at a social event at Indian Wells State Park. Chief Andrews reiterated his position and that permission had not been granted. He also noted that no written warning had been issued as of yet, and that a suspension had been considered. Chief Andrews said that the apparatus was taken without permission, even after a lieutenant told FF Drugonis to contact a chief. Captain Wasilewski noted his disappointment with the situation and how it was being discussed at this meeting. Commissioner Lombardi said it's an operational level incident and the Chief's have taken appropriate action. He reminded that dive/rescue is not a separate unit and rules need to be followed or disciplinary action is taken.

**Motion to adjourn at 8:09pm by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Martin. Approved 3-0**

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Lombardi  
Recording Secretary

