

**Seymour Fire Department
Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2008
Citizens Engine Company**

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DATE: 3/3/08
TIME: 4:15 PM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Commissioners Attending: Ugo Zullo, Patrick Lombardi, Scott Martin, Al Rochelle, Mike Kearney

Others Attending: Chief Scott Andrews, Asst. Chief Tom Tomasheski, Asst. Chief Jim Smith, Asst. Chief Dale Cann, Captain Michael Lombardi, Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz, Captain Jim Wasilewski, Lt. Dan Zaniewski, Todd Andrews, Chris Drugonis, Rich Rossick

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

Commissioner Rochelle took time to acknowledge James Rossick son of FF Rich Rossick for his advancement as a Boy Scout. He told Commissioner Rochelle that he plans to become an Eagle Scout.

Motion made to accept January 14th meeting minutes by Commissioner Kearney, 2nd by Commissioner Martin. Approved 5-0. Motion made to accept amended changes by Commissioner Lombardi, 2nd by Commissioner Kearney. Approved 5-0.

Motion made to accept January 24th special meeting minutes by Commissioner Lombardi, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 4-0 w/ 1 abstention.

Correspondence:

1. Fire Marshal Wetowitz provided letter stating that the Regional Water Authority will be taking over hydrants and water mains previously the responsibility of Birmingham Utilities. FM Wetowitz believes hydrant maintenance will be much improved with this change.

Public Comment: None

Chiefs Minutes:

Motion made to accept Chiefs Minutes as submitted by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Kearney. Approved 5-0.

- Commissioner Martin asked Chief Andrews to whom are pagers being turned into. Chief Andrews stated currently the department clerk is handling it. Chief Andrews said that American Paging was notified today and they claim that a contract was signed in July, renewing service for 3 years. It will cost \$25.00 per pager to terminate contract, a total of \$775.00. He stated however, the department will see a savings within 6 months of the termination.

- Commissioner Rochelle asked about the mutual aid plan. Chief Andrews stated himself and Fire Marshal Wetowitz are working together to get better procedures in place for Smithfield Gardens.

Fire Marshal's Report:

- Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz read Fire Marshal's Report. Chairman Zullo asked why volunteer inspectors aren't used. FM Wetowitz stated due to the lack of productivity from volunteer inspectors that they are not utilized. Chairman Zullo questioned why they are sent for training. **Motion made to accept Fire Marshal's Report by Commissioner Kearney, 2nd by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0**

Old Business:

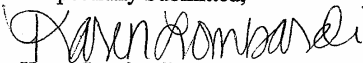
- Commissioner Rochelle said he has spoken with the 1st Selectman about the boiler at Citizens, regarding a possible insurance claim.
- Commissioner Lombardi asked if the new engineers paperwork had been completed. Commissioner Kearney said the Finance Department said it has been filled out.
- Tax abatement information handed in by both company Captains. It was noted that the Clerk has always been the individual to run the reports. **Motion made to submitted lists as provided by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 5-0.** Captain Lombardi mentioned that the current tax abatement process is very tedious and suggests that the point system be revised. He noted that there are no points given to Fire Police members, engineers, etc., which he feels deserve some type of points. FM Wetowitz stated he helped put system together with Past Chief Culmo and that the Board of Fire Commissioners could change procedure and present it to the Board of Selectmen. He also said it does not have to go before the Ordinance Committee. Chairman Zullo said the Board of Fire Commissioners would accept any recommendations. Commissioner Lombardi suggested a list be put together with the changes for the current system. Commissioner Lombardi also requested a copy of the current points system.
- Chief Andrews updated on physicals. He said he gave members extra time to complete their physicals. Both Captains received lists of firefighters who will be placed out of service, secondary to failure to complete required physical. He noted that the lists are extensive. Chief Andrews said all Seymour Fire Department members are to take a Seymour Fire Department physical, regardless of their place of employment. Dual response may be needed, due to lack of manpower and apparatus not getting out. Citizens have asked less active drivers to help out. There are 38 members between both companies who are out of service.
- Chief Andrews handed out copies of wording change for Chiefs Appointment. Commissioner Lombardi said he checked on procedure for the change and only the wording change is necessary. **Motion to table until all Commissioners receive a copy and can discuss by Commissioner Lombardi, 2nd by Commissioner Kearney. Approved 5-0**

Quantity	Item	Vendor	Total Price	Acct #
3	24 V Dewalt batteries (2- C2 & 1-GH)	Tools Plus	\$354.50	430
1	GEMS box repair	Grace Industries	\$245.00	743
1	Staples order	Staples	\$96.55	610
2	FFI payment (Martinez & McKiernan)	Long Hill Fire District	\$500.00	350
1	Reimbursement for Attending LI Fire show And tolls	FD1, Cmsnr. Rochelle, 501, FF Childs, FF Jurgens	\$81.50	580
2	3,000gal. Folding tank Liners	Gowans & Knight	\$2,800.00	745
1	Repair E-15 & T-19 Load Managers	Twin Lights	\$585.00	430
1	Emergency light lens (E-18)	Communication Services	\$75.00	430
1	Sprint/Nextel cellular Replacement	Sprint/Nextel	\$129.00	530
	Letterhead/envelopes Board of Fire Commissioners	Arrow Printers	\$94.00	
	Public Safety EAP		\$1,724.25	340

Motion made to accept requisitions as presented by Commissioner Lombardi, 2nd by Commissioner Martin. Approved 4-0 w/ 1 abstention

Motion made to adjourn at 8:42pm by Commissioner Lombardi, 2nd by Commissioner Kearney. Approved 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Lombardi
Recording Secretary
Seymour Fire Department