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**Seymour Fire Department
Board of Fire Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2008
Great Hill Hose Company**

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

Others Attending: Chief Scott Andrews, Asst. Chief Tom Tomasheski, Asst. Chief Jim Smith, Asst. Chief Dale Cann, Captain Jim Wasilewski, Captain Michael Lombardi, Past Chief Gary Cavallaro

Meeting called to order at 7:43pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion-Budget Deliberation:

- Chief Andrews presented preliminary budget requests, including item lists from both Citizens Engine Co. and Great Hill Hose Co.
- Minimal increases with the generic accounts. Chief Andrews added with the discontinuing of pagers there would be an approximate savings of \$2,700 in the Communication and Telephone Account.
- There is an increase of 3% for the Clerk and an increase of \$200 for the Secretary fees. He noted we are on target to run out of money.
- Education and Seminars Account to see an increase of \$5,000. Chief Andrews provided a list of training for the upcoming year. Chairman Zullo asked why the increase. Chief Andrews explained the addition of an MRT course at approximately \$5,100 and an ATV train-the-trainer course is an extra \$2,000.
- Repairs and Maintenance account will again ask for \$32,000. Chief Andrews stated that was requested last year but was cut \$4,000. He noted that money is being used up.
- 16 sets of turn-out gear are being requested. The current vendor prices have gone up. There is a \$90 increase with every set.
- An increase of 15% was suggested in the Electricity and Heating Account. Last year those accounts ran out of money.
- Building Improvement Account needs to see an increase. It's felt that previous years have been conservative with numbers. Commissioner Rochelle noted the money for the ramp repair at Citizens needs to be added back in. Commissioner Martin stated Great Hill has some improvements that are needed as well. He suggested picking a project and adding the increase to the request. Commissioner Lombardi said you could request another way. He suggested asking for all the money, see what you get, and then prioritize when things are done. Past Chief Cavallaro agreed with Commissioner Lombardi adding that at least you will be putting them on notice with the increasing ages of both firehouses. Commissioner Martin stated a list should be put together and prioritized. Commissioner Lombardi suggested that a spreadsheet be designed with specifics for deliberation with the Board of Finance.
- Chief Andrews noted a new Chiefs vehicle is needed. He said one of the current vehicles is a 1998 and has over 114,000 miles. That account is looking for \$10,800 for the purchase of a new one.

- A 5% increase was added to the OSHA account.
- Company wish lists were discussed. It was noted that the majority of the requests from Great Hill are to out-fit the new rescue truck. Further, some of the items are replacements for aging equipment.

Motion made to present budget as amended and presented to the Board of Selectman by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Martin. Approved 4-0

Motion made to adjourn at 8:55pm by Commissioner Lombardi, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Lombardi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Lombardi
Recording Secretary
Seymour Fire Department