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Seymour Fire Department
Board of Fire Commissioners
July 9, 2007
Meeting Minutes
Great Hill Hose Company

Commissioners Attending: Ed Willis, Scott Martin, Mike Kearney

Others Attending: Asst. Chief Scott Andrews, Asst. Chief Jim Smith, Captain Jim Wasilweski, Lt. Michael Lombardi, Lt. Wayne Lewis, Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz, Past Captain John Oczkowski
Chief Tom Eighmie and Asst. Chief Tom Tomasheski at 8:05pm

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm by Chairman Willis, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Kearney to accept May meeting minutes as written. Approved 3-0

Public Comment: None

Correspondence:

1. Letter from FF/Engineer John Gaudiosi, applying for Clerks position.
2. Letter from Clerk Oczkowski stating he will be attending the Police Academy starting July 20, 2007 and he was requesting an executive session to further discuss his position as Clerk.
3. Letter from Fire Marshal Wetowitz recommending Timm Willis and requesting an appointment as a Fire Investigator for the Seymour Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Martin reiterated that the board in entirety recommended Mr. Willis to attend the course. **Motion made to approve and appoint Timm Willis for Fire Investigator by Commissioner Kearney, 2nd by Commissioner Martin. Approved 2-0-1**

Motion made to exit into executive session by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Kearney at 7:15pm to discuss Personnel matters. Approved 3-0 Meeting reconvened at 7:26pm. No motions made.

Motion made to allow Clerk Oczkowski to temporarily work off hours to fulfill his duties as Fire Department Clerk by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Kearney. Approved 3-0

Motion made to hire Michael Fritz as new Deputy Fire Marshall at the highest salary recommended by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Kearney. Approved 3-0

Financial:

1. Commissioner Kearney stated he did not have a copy of the new budget. He noted last years budget still needs to be closed.
2. The finance department approved to pay the electric bill through the Fire Marshal's budget.
3. Commissioner Kearney said there is no more money to pay for oil, gas, and communications.
4. A $157.31 invoice from Home Depot was received. It was recommended not to pay that invoice.
5. It was recommended that Chiefs and Officers get together to discuss immediate necessities, and save purchases until the end of the budget.
6. Commissioner Kearney noted the finance department has been difficult and have been refusing transfers.
7. Chairman Willis reminded everyone to look closer at the budget process and be more responsible.
8. Asst. Chief Andrews asked if the town has a specific procedure for guidelines regarding purchasing, as well as emergency purchase procedures. Commissioner Kearney was unaware of any.

Fire Marshal's Report: Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz read Fire Marshal's report. FM Wetowitz reminded that blasting related issues are to be directed to him. **Motion made to accept Fire Marshal's report by Commissioner Kearney, 2nd by Commissioner Martin. Approved 3-0**

Chiefs' Minutes:

1. Commissioner Kearney asked about the bid waivers. It was stated that they have already been brought to the Board of Selectmen. There were questions regarding the PPE, Resque Jacks and Hurst combo unit. Asst. Chief Andrews tried to explain. Chairman Willis suggested waiting for more facts as well as figures and Chief Eighmie's input before discussing further.
2. Chief Eighmie also noted there is a possibility of gear changing. The discussion still needs to be discussed amongst the Board of Fire Chiefs. It would be a financial move, he noted. Lt. Lombardi voiced his concerns regarding a gear change. He noted a lot of effort was put into designing the current gear. Chief Eighmie stated no fair comparison has been made. Chairman Willis said more detail is needed, however safety will not be sacrificed.

Motion made to accept special meeting minutes by Commissioner Kearney, 2nd by Commissioner Martin. Approved 3-0

New Business: None

Old Business:

1. Commissioner Martin said a financial presentation was given to the Board of Selectman regarding the status of the Great Hill addition. He noted the building is officially open. There are a few side projects that remain ongoing. Grant money from The Mathies Foundation will fund for sewer hook-up.

Requisitons:

Quantity	Item	Vendor	Price	Motion	Vote
2	HT 1250 speaker mikes	Utility Comm.	$125.00	Mike/Scott	3-0
25	Motorola HNN9009 high capacity batteries	Utility Comm.	$1,125.00	Scott/Mike	3-0
1	Kochek 70K piston intake relief valve-C2	Gowans/Knight	$745.00	Scott/Mike	3-0
	GH annual inspection & Maintenance	Sonitrol	$1,164.00	Mike/Scott	3-0
	Additional heat detector & Manual pull station		$831.00	**NO MOTION**	
	C2 annual inspection & Maintenance	Sonitrol	$1,740.00	Mike/Scott	3-0
	Additional heat detector & Manual pull station		$525.00	**NO MOTION**	

Motion made to adjourn at 8:13pm by Commissioner Martin, 2nd by Commissioner Kearney. Approved 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,

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