



Town of Seymour

BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS

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**Board of Fire Chiefs
Meeting Minutes December 7, 2015**

Attendees: Chief John Cronin, A/C Michael Lombardi, A/C Tom Tomasheski, A/C Doug Zaniewski, Captain Chris Edwards, Lt. Joe Leonard, Lt Matt Calzone, Lt Gary Parkosewich, FF Jeff Cronin, FF Todd Fowler, FF Phil Fritz, FF Rich Krusewski.

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chief Cronin.
2. Pledge of allegiance: All were led in the pledge to the flag.
3. Minutes: The meeting minutes of November 2, 2015 were approved. Motion: A/C Zaniewski with a second by A/C Lombardi. Vote 3/0 with one abstention.
4. Public comment: None
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Letter from FF Ron Burgess requesting a return to active status from his leave of absence. Motion: A/C Zaniewski with a second by A/C Lombardi. Vote 4/0.
6. Unfinished business:
 - a. A/C Zaniewski presented a draft of the new awards program. Discussion followed.
 - b. A/C Zaniewski presented a draft of a member survey. Discussion followed.
 - c. A/C Zaniewski presented a draft of an exit interview. Discussion followed.
 - d. The 2016 Board of Fire Chiefs meeting schedule presented at the previous meeting was approved with the following changes. Meeting start time will be 7:00 pm. The July meeting will be Thursday July 7th due to the holiday. The September meeting will be Thursday September 8th due to the holiday. Motion: A/C Tomasheski with a second by A/C Lombardi. Vote 4/0.
7. New Business:
 - a. A/C Lombardi introduced discussion of using proper PPE on scenes. He requested that we remind all too properly wear the necessary gear.
 - b. A/C Tomasheski stated that the Board of Education is still making it difficult to use the high school pool for dive training. Chief Cronin will meet with the First Selectman and/or the Board of Education to resolve the issue.
 - c. A/C Tomasheski introduced discussion of the SOG's and procedures for acts of violence. Officers shall review with companies during drills.
 - d. Captain Edwards introduced discussion of a new SOG or Directive to have probationary members report to the stations for all calls. He stated often these members are first on

scene yet lack the necessary training to operate. This becomes a liability. Chief Cronin to draft SOG or Directive for next meeting.

- e. Chief Cronin stated that Shipman's will be at Great Hill on Tuesday December 8th at 6:30pm to fit members for new gear. Each company has provided a list of five firefighters to be fit. No quote was available for gear and all ten sets may not be purchased.
- f. Lt. Leonard requested two new Lieutenant helmet shields be purchased.
- g. Chief Cronin distributed "Fire Service Safety Culture Survey" from Drexel University. Seymour is one of 100 departments selected to participate in this research study. All members and officers are encouraged to complete one.

8. Training:

- a. 10 firefighters are enrolled in Oxford Firefighter 1 class beginning January 2016.
- b. 1 firefighter is enrolled in Shelton Firefighter 1 class beginning January 2016.
- c. All firefighter 1 students will meet at Citizens on Wednesday December 9th, 2015 at 7:00 for preparation of firefighter 1 training.
- d. Mandatory super Sunday training will be January 24th, 2016 at 9:00 am at Citizens. All members must attend. There will be limited opportunity to make this program up.
- e. A/C Zaniewski requested that we schedule an officer's development program for Thursday February 11th, 2016 at Great Hill. This is to help officers in managing the daily operations of the department and the companies.
- f. Captain Edwards has scheduled training for Tuesday January 19th, 2016, at 7:00 pm at Great Hill. The topic is cancer prevention. All members are encouraged to attend.
- g. Captain Edwards has scheduled training for Tuesday January 26th, 2016, at 7:00 pm at Great Hill. The topic is post-traumatic stress. All members are encouraged to attend.

9. Physicals: None

10. Repairs and Maintenance:

- a. Air compressor at Great Hill is out of service.
- b. Rescue 12 Hurst repairs are complete.
- c. Foam system on Engine 16 is out of service.
- d. Rescue 17 Amkus repairs and service is still pending.

11. Company Events: No January events scheduled.

12. Chiefs Comments:

- a. A/C Lombardi: None
- b. A/C Tomasheski: Stated that we need to improve the response to calls. We are not getting apparatus to respond in a timely fashion and manpower is limited. A discussion followed regarding unknown members that have complained outside of the chain of command that they will not respond to alarms because apparatus is always cancelled. Discussion followed and Chief Cronin stated that we will not let apparatus continue to incidents unnecessarily, the liability and risk is too great. Apparatus should be cancelled if there is no need for it or its manpower on a scene.
- c. A/C Zaniewski: Stated that he is still working to have all members with salamander ID cards. This is our accountability system and all members need to submit the paper work and be photographed.

13. Public Comment: None

14. Executive Session: None

15. Chief requisitions:

- a. Remove Rescue 17 Knox Box for repair. \$50.00
- b. Knox Box repair. \$100.00 (estimate)
- c. Utility 10 repair front strobes and remove old radio equipment in cab. \$380.00
- d. Tanker 19 repair light bar rotator. \$180.00
- e. Rescue 12 and Rescue 17 repair leaks in cascade systems. \$1040.00
- f. Turnout gear. \$20,000.00
- g. Fire Officer book, (Captain Edwards). \$78.47
- h. 2 Lieutenant helmet shields. Unknown price

16. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. Motion: A/C Zaniewski with a second by A/C Tomasheski. Vote 4/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Cronin

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