



Board of Fire Commissioners

1 FIRST STREET

SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT 06483

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2015

7:00 pm

Great Hill Hose Company

COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 3/19/15
TIME: 11:15 AM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Commissioner's attending: Chris Motasky, Peter Sampiere, Patrick Lombardi, Dan Zaniewski and Clay Jurgens (7:05)

Item 1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. February Special meeting Minutes-

Discussion: Commissioner Motasky stated that under discussion on page 2 it should state replacement vehicle for Engine 10 and 18. **Motion to approve February Special meeting minutes with corrections made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0.**

Item 4. Correspondence-None

Item 5. Financial Report-

- A. 3 Bills from Communication Services
- B. Letter from Stanley Security-need to act on
- C. Open purchase order for Family Auto has been used and closed. A new one needs to be cut as Car 2's vehicle needs service.
- D. East River Energy sent a bill for a fine about oil fill at Great Hill having ice.
- E. A purchase order was cut for furnace repair at Citizens'
- F. Commissioner Jurgens stated that bills turned in last week were not showing on run as paid as of yet.

Motion to approve financial report as submitted by Commissioner Zaniewski, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 5-0.

Item 6. Fire Marshal's Report-

Discussion-Commissioner Zaniewski asked about the blasting changes. Fire Marshal Wetowitz stated it is only to review current regulations at this time.

Motion to accept fire Marshall's report by Commissioner Lombardi, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 5-0.

Item 7. March Chief's Minutes-

Discussion-

-Commissioner Motasky asked where the department patches are going to be worn. Asst. Chief Lombardi stated on dress uniform jacket and shirt.

-Commissioner Motasky asked about the information being requested about the juniors. Asst. Chief Tomasheski stated that it is so all information can be entered into firehouse software for personnel and OSHA regulations. Commissioner Motasky stated he feels that all applications and parent permission slips should also be on file.

-Commissioner Zaniewski asked why flyers couldn't be sent home through schools. Asst. Chief Zaniewski stated it was because it is an adult event.

-Commissioner Zaniewski asked how long engine 18 is expected to be housed at Great Hill. Asst. Chief Lombardi stated he believes it's for a couple of weeks possibly.

-Commissioner Sampiere asked about if call counts were just dive or total. Asst. Chief Tomasheski stated it was total.

-Commissioner Lombardi asked about the recruitment signs. Asst. Chief Lombardi stated they are reusable signs for both houses.

Motion to accept March Chief's Minutes made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0.

Item 8. Old Business-

A. Commissioner Jurgens stated that Stanley security needs contact information for Citizens' Engine. Captain Nelson stated he will handle putting the list together.

Item 9. New Business-

-Commissioner Motasky stated that the floors at Great Hill need to be done.

-Commissioner Motasky stated that the heating unit in the watch station at Great Hill for both AC/heating needs to be replaced. He has talked to Ehman regarding this.

Item 10. Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz presentation regarding compensation for volunteer fire inspectors.

Discussion-

-Commissioner Jurgens stated that providing a pension plan has been attempted before and nothing has ever come from it. Commissioner Motasky stated that the idea has brought up with the First Selectman. Commissioner Jurgens asked about the Fire Marshal exhausting all avenues for staffing. Fire Marshal Wetowitz stated that he has and it has never made it past the Board of Finance.

Motion to table the tax abatement discussion for 30 days made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens. Approved 5-0.

Item 11. Overview of workshop with First Selectman, Chief's, and Commissioners.

Discussion-

-Commissioner Lombardi stated no action to be taken so information can be provided to the chiefs and commissioners who are not in attendance. Commissioner Motasky stated that the commissioners should rotate who attends month to month. Commissioner Sampiere to attend every month and then rotate which other commissioner attends.

-Commissioner Motasky stated that ordinance changes for neighboring towns for membership has been sent to the ordinance committee. They are currently working on better verbiage.

-Commissioner Motasky stated that definitions for commissioner's roles needs to be discussed. Commissioner Lombardi would like to tie in with the Charter revision committee. He believes it should also incorporate the Chief's roles with the revision. Commissioner Motasky stated he feels a copy of the charter should be at each meeting. Commissioner Motasky asked if this should be discussed at a regular meeting or could it be discussed during a workshop. Commissioner Lombardi stated it could be a workshop.

Motion to hold a workshop on Wednesday April 8th, 7 pm, at Great Hill Hose to discuss specific roles of commissioners and chief's made by Commissioner Motasky, 2nd by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0.

Item 12. Public Comment.

-Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz stated that there will be a consolidation of departments to include Fire Marshal's office, Planning and Zoning, Building, and inland/wetland at some point all will report through on administrative assistant.

Item 13. Requisitions- See attached.

Motion to approve Chief's requisition's by Commissioner Zaniewski, 2nd by Commissioner Motasky. Approved 4-0-1. (Jurgens, Zaniewski, Sampiere, Motasky approved. Lombardi-Abstained)

Item 14. Executive Session-None.

Item 15. Other Business-

Motion to surplus 2 ½ hose damaged during Clifton St. fire at Citizens' made by Commissioner Zaniewski, 2nd by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0.

**Motion made to adjourn at 8:32 by Commissioner Lombardi, 2nd by Commissioner Jurgens.
Approved 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Pelletier
Recording Secretary



East River Energy
Guilford, CT

East River Energy Special Request/Emergency Delivery Form

No 1900

Order Taker Initials: _____

Date: _____

Time of Call: _____

Purchase Order #: _____

Type of Service: (please check all applicable and describe service below)

Demurrage ☒ Emergency Delivery _____ Equipment Rental _____ Pump Out _____ Supplies _____ Other _____

Driver went to location. Fill was full
26 ice

\$75

Account # 515918 Location # _____ Tank # 5 Product # 2 Oil

Person Ordering: _____ Phone # _____

Service Date: 2/21/15

Location Name: Great Hill Fire Dept

Location Address: 140 Botford Rd

Town: Seymour CT

Bill To Name: Town of Seymour

Bill To Address: 1 First Street

Town: Seymour CT 06483

Emergency Service/Request: 825.00

- Pump Out: \$175.00 per hour, portal to portal, minimum charge is 4 hours.
- Emergency Delivery: \$200.00, plus price of fuel, plus applicable taxes.
- Will Call/Run Out: \$200.00, plus price of fuel, plus any applicable taxes.
- Demurrage: \$250.00 per hour.

\$ 75.00



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GREAT HILL FIRE DEPT
1140 BOTSFORD ROAD
#2 OIL - 1000 TANK
SEYMOUR CT 06483

SEYMOUR, CT 06483

FINANCE DEPT.

1 FIRST STREET

SEYMOUR, TOWN OF (203) 888-0581

ACCOUNT #	TICKET #	TANK	PROD.	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
51598	27973	5	23	#2 FUEL OIL

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East River Energy

Seymour Great Hill





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Town of Seymour
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Seymour, Connecticut 06483

SEYMOUR FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 2015

Below is a brief summary of the major work activities that the Seymour Fire Marshal's Office conducted during the month February 2015:

Building Inspections – The Office conducted 7 inspections on new construction, 12 inspections on existing buildings and 1 re-inspection. Please keep in mind that after each inspection, some type of a report needs to be created.

Blasting Permit – 0 Blasting Site Inspections – 0 Blasting Complaints – 0 Other Complaints – 6
Meetings – 11 Code Modification request - 1

Detail Code Reviews – 1 Detail follow- up activities – 3 Hydrant inspections with follow up - 0

Letters sent out to Balance Rock tenants involving 20 pound propane tanks on balconies - 0

Burning Permits – 0

Major Activities

Outside Training Attended – I and DFM Willis attended a half day training in Woodbridge on the Fuel Gas Code. DFM Willis completed an on-line training class on Depositions.

Training activities conducted – None

26 - 28 Bank Street and 54 Wakely Street – I have agreed to a long term plan on addressing the Code violations in these 3 buildings. They are beginning to address them.

45 Broad St. Congregational Church – No change from last month. An elevator is being planned for future installation.

770 Derby Avenue – No change from last month. This project is under construction. The building shell is up. At this time, we have not received any plans for any occupants.

67 Pub, 225 West Street kitchen expansion – The project is moving along. Construction inspections are still ongoing. Considerable time was spent this month on resolving Code issues. Project is nearly complete.

American Pie and Pub, 16 Klarides Village Drive – This project is moving along. Time has been spent on resolving interior finish and furnishings Code issues. Construction inspections are ongoing.

VEMS garage, 764 Derby Ave. – Plan reviews, Code reviews and letter have gotten this project off to a good start. Construction should begin shortly.

A.E.D. and CPR Program for Town Buildings and employees – Some follow up activity was conducted to complete this project.

16 Klarides Village basement storage – The American Pie and Pub project also included the basement of this area to be cleaned out and a plan submitted to turn it into a Code compliant storage area. The basement has been cleaned out and I conducted a plan review on the storage area plan.

Blasting Regulations – For many years, I have been trying to get a proposed bill to improve the blasting regulations and provide more protection for the residents surrounding a blasting site. Representative Theresa Conroy and Senator Kane have proposed 2 bills to do that. I worked on gaining support for these bills with other fire marshals and some Seymour residents. I also prepared written and verbal testimony for a public hearing on these bills. I attended that night time public hearing in West Hartford in which I gave these testimonies to the Public Safety Committee. I believe it went well. It was a great experience. We have to wait to see if they get out of this Committee to the full legislative branch.

Yearly Budget – I prepared and presented by budget request for 2015-16.

20 Frances Drive Group Home – Due to a visually impaired resident, their evacuation score has fallen. This means it takes longer for all residents to evacuate the building. We are working with upper and on site management to improve fire protection in the building and review evacuation procedures.

Juvenile Fire Setter – We conducted an initial review of a juvenile fire setter. This is presently going thru the Court System. We may be providing support in the future.

Fire Alarm maintenance – I assisted with some maintenance projects on 2 Town building fire alarm systems.

Significant Fire Investigations: No known fire to report on.

Each event requires a detailed written report to be completed.

Submitted by,



Paul Wetowitz
Seymour Fire Marshal

March 4 2015

Cc. File

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**Seymour Fire Department
Chief's Requisitions**

By our signatures below, we approve the requisitions indicated above:

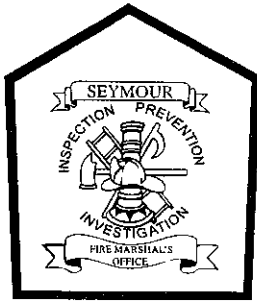
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John Cronin, Chief

Thomas Tomasheski, Asst. Chief

Michael Lombardi, Asst. Chief

Doug Zaniewski, Asst. Chief



Office Of The Fire Marshal
Town of Seymour
1 First Street
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

To: Seymour Board of Fire Commissioners

From: Seymour Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz

Date: March 3 2015

Re: SUGGESTIONS FOR FINANCIAL COMPENSATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE INSPECTORS

I and DFM Willis have reviewed and considered potential financial compensation approaches to encourage our volunteer deputy fire marshals and inspectors to inspect buildings. I have listed them below for review and consideration. They are randomly listed.

1. Part time
2. Stipend. A minimum number of inspections per payment.
3. Separate Tax Abatement from Fire Department. A minimum number of inspections for the abatement.
4. Paid Per Inspection.
5. Pension Plan. A minimum number of inspections per year and a minimum number of years to be vested.
6. Personal use of a Town vehicle for a minimum number of inspections per time period.
7. Periodic personal vehicle gasoline fill-up for a minimum number of inspections per time period.

If any member of the Board has any other idea, please present it for further discussion. I will be glad to provide more details of any concept once we agree to reduce the potential approaches to two or three.

What my Office needs is consistent participation on a regular time frame. As a minimum, I strongly recommend at least an inspection or two every 2 weeks. An inspector conducting an inspection once a month or less frequent is just not effective.