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BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS

1 FIRST STREET, SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT 06483

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2015

7:00 p.m.

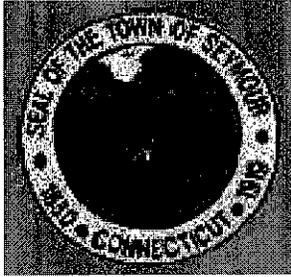
Citizens' Engine Company

Chief's attending: Michael Lombardi, Thomas Tomasheski, John Cronin and Doug Zaniewski.

Others Attending: Wes Nelson, Quinn Levey, Gary Parkosewich, Jon Rollingson, Bill Dugan, Rich Krusewski, Phil Fritz, Todd Fowler, James Lombardi, Matt Calzone (7:30)

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Chief Cronin.
2. Pledge of allegiance: All were led in the pledge to the flag.
3. Minutes: The minutes of December 7, 2015 regular meeting were approved.
Motion: A/C Tomasheski with a second by A/C Zaniewski. Vote 4/0
- 3a. Minutes: The minutes of December 10, 2015 Special Workshop Minutes were approved.
Motion: A/C Zaniewski with a second by A/C Tomasheski. Vote 3/0 with one abstention.
4. Public Comment: Rich Krusewski requested that the Fire Police added to the agenda going forward and will have somebody in attendance. Fire Police will now be added as a line item.
James Lombardi spoke regarding three members that were removed and then welcomed back in to the department. He feels it will be tough to kick someone out in the future due to the fact that these three individuals were welcomed back in after being kicked out. He wants to respect the company's bylaws and that it is important to act as two different companies in certain respects.
5. Correspondence: There was no correspondence.
6. Unfinished Business: A/C Zaniewski made a motion to add the Awards Program to the agenda with a second by A/C Tomasheski. Vote: 4/0.

A/C Zaniewski discussed the updated information regarding the Awards Program with corrected dates. He also added items to the Educational Achievement Award to make it possible for more people to receive. He would like to see this passed so



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it can move forward and present the plan to membership at Super Sunday. He would like to start the program off in 2016 and plan for some sort of event at the end of the year. He would like to pass it through the board to bring the Commissioners next week.

A/C Zaniewski made a motion to pass the Awards Program to the Commissioners with a second by A/C Tomasheski. Vote: 4/0.

7. New Business:

a) Revised SOG'S and new SOG'S

Two SOG's were revised.

Ops11- Incident Command. A/C Zaniewski made a motion to accept with a second by A/C Tomasheski. Vote 4/0

Safety 3 – Personal Accountability. A/C Zaniewski made a motion to accept with a second by A/C Lombardi. Vote 4/0

The new SOG is Technician 3. A/C Tomasheski made a motion to accept with a second by A/C Lombardi. Vote 4/0

A/C Lombardi requested that the books are updated when new SOG's are added. There have been a couple incidents where he has told a member to look in the book for a policy and it hasn't been there. Chief Cronin asked that after the Commissioners meeting the officers make sure that their books are in order and to make sure the revision date matches.

b) Fire Act Grant: Language for the Fire Act Grant was drafted. Chief Cronin needs to complete the narrative sections. The grant is for new SCBA equipment. The grants is currently up to \$505,000.00 for 58 new packs, 116 bottles, 2 RIT packs, 2 new one hour bottles, 58 masks, 58 Epic 3 voice amplifiers. The grant is due by January 15th and the Commission needs to approve it.

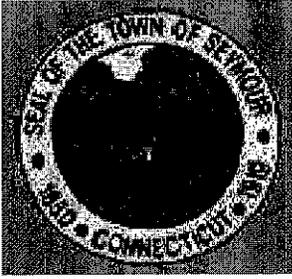
A/C Zaniewski asked if the Chief could send out the current draft of the narratives so it can be edited.

Chief Cronin noted that Oxford and Ansonia are both applying for the same grant.

c) SOG Admin #3 Membership Attendance: Chief Cronin passed out the attendance sheet from last year as it relates to SOG Admin 3. The highlighted names were members that did not meet one or both categories.

The issue of how to handle the members that did not follow the policies and procedures as it relates to attending calls and drills was discussed.

Chief Cronin stated that the list will be going to the Commission.



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Chief Cronin discussed the tax abatement, which the town needs by February 1st. He stated that if a member's SSN is not listed, it means it is not in Firehouse and it needs to be entered into the staff records. This list will be printed just before the Commission meeting next Monday night.

- d) Running Assignments: A/C Lombardi asked to review the Running Assignments with membership because it appears a lot of apparatuses are being taken out of the house that are not on the assignments. Chief Cronin suggested it be brought up at Super Sunday.
- e) Gear: A/C Lombardi brought up the issue of members not wearing gear on scene and that it needs to be enforced.
- f) NWPS Dispatch: A/C Lombardi asked to schedule a meeting with North West to look at responses. North West toned out for an activated fire alarm and it ended up being a dryer fire in Beacon Falls. There was an agreement by all the local town Chief's that use North West to allow North West to complete their move into their new facility, get everything up and running. The Chiefs agreed to have all their policies mirror each other so that what happens in Seymour for a structure fire also happens in Oxford, etc. with the same language and notifications. They will stagger their tone tests as to not overwhelm the dispatchers.

8) Training:

a) Super Sunday is January 24. The board discussed the exams that will be given as a way to demonstrate competency in each station. A/C Lombardi is also looking for volunteers as instructors.

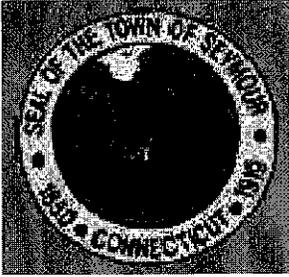
Rich Krusewski volunteered to cook breakfast for Super Sunday. Chief Cronin authorized \$125.00 for expenses.

A/C Lombardi also noted that the Shelton Fire 1 class is starting that week. The Oxford class is starting next week.

A/C Lombardi discussed the walk around at Thule. It was decided to pick an April date for the walk through.

A/C Zaniewski noted that the Officer Development Class is February 11.

9) Physicals: Physicals are okay.



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- 10) Repairs and Maintenance: It was discussed that A/C Lombardi's truck is broken and A/C Zaniewski is breaking. The board also discussed the ladder truck repairs. The engineers from Great Hill requested three battery packs for the meters because they are falling apart.
- 11) Company Events for February: None.
- 12) Captains/Officers Comments: It was noted that Captain Edwards emailed about surveys. Chief Cronin will address under Chief's comments.
- 13) Chief Comments: A/C Zaniewski discussed that some members still need things done for Salamander.
A/C Lombardi discussed Salamander cards not being used at fire school. Chief Cronin asked for issue date or expiration dates to be added to the Salamander cards.
A/C Lombardi discussed a call he received from Captain Edwards in regards to the Ames building coming down. The property owner does not have a problem with the fire department using it until it is taken down. Chief Cronin noted that there should be no roof ops being done.
A/C Lombardi discussed seeing a lot of probationary fire fighters with no gear walking up to a residence for activated fire alarms and talking to the homeowners.
Chief Cronin discussed the surveys. The surveys are not mandatory. The University is calling him weekly to get them back so Chief Cronin would like to have them sent back by Super Sunday at the latest. He promised them 60-70 surveys and currently only has two.
Chief Cronin discussed the 2016/2017 budget and passed out copies for review.
- 14) Public Comment: None.
- 15) Executive Session: None.
- 16) Chiefs Requisitions: Food for Super Sunday- \$125.00 requisition to Citizens.
A \$500.00 p/o to Shipman's to have a nozzle at Great Hill rebuilt. A motion was made by A/C Lombardi to approve the two requisitions with a second by A/C Zaniewski. Vote 4/0
- 17) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. Motion A/C Zaniewski with a second by A/C Tomasheski. Vote: 4/0