Town of Plymouth

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Fire Commission Minutes December 9, 2021

Call to Order: Chairman Martin Sandshaw called the scheduled December 9, 2021, Fire Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Terryville Fire Department Headquarters, 21 Harwinton Avenue, Terryville, Plymouth, Connecticut.

Roll Call: Chairman Martin Sandshaw, Commissioner Daniel Wollenberg, Commissioner Mark Redman, Commissioner Keith Golnik, Commissioner Victor Mitchell. Also, in attendance were: Fire Chief Mark Sekorski, Assistant Chief Chris Masi, Deputy Chief Greg Cody, Fire Marshal Raymond Kovaleski and Councilwoman Roxanne McCann.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Sandshaw led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes dated October 14, 2021:

A motion was made by Commissioner Victor Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Wollenberg to approve the October 14, 2021 Minutes. This motion was approved with one abstention.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keith Golnik, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Wollenberg to move item 6 Executive Session and item 7 Discuss and take action if necessary to item 10A and 10B. This motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioners' Reports

Chief's Report:

Chief Sekorski reported the following:

Will be doing preplanning with the Fire Marshal's office after the new year.

Assistant Chief Chris Masi and the fire guys helped the Beautification Committee put lights on the poles.

Working on the budget to stay ahead of the game.

Working on the stamp campaign.

Helping Thomaston with fire calls.

Generator on back order until February 22nd.

The new boat is in Plymouth.

Waterbury Area Chiefs meeting 11/12.

Councilwoman Roxanne McCann reported the ad hoc committee will be meeting twice a month in January to get a plan together to spend the money. She is open to more suggestions.

Chief Sekorski reported that the Southbury Training School may want to buy some old air packs. Attorney Bill Hamzy will create a hold harmless agreement.

Treasurer's Report - Commissioner Golnik went over the ledger and Eversource bills.

Fire Marshal's Report: Fire Marshal Raymond Kovaleski went over his Monthly Report, Monthly Budget Expenses and List of Incidents in detail for the months of October and November.

Chairman Sandshaw asked what does "Other" mean on the report?

Fire Marshal Kovaleski replied it is letters and updating file. It falls under the inspection category.

Communications:

Chairman Sandshaw received a thank you letter for the donation on behalf of the Children Hospital in memory of Mr. Masi.

Radio Report: Deputy Chief Greg Cody reported no problems. Some minitors were ordered.

Buildings and Grounds Report: Assistant Chief Chris Masi reported USA Recycling went up on their invoice. Budget was \$1110.00 new budget is \$2700.00 each quarter. Will be looking at other vendors.

Equipment Report: Chief Sekorski reported the boat is in. Deputy Chief Freimuth ordered gear. Air packs should be coming in.

Training Report: Training Report was emailed and attached to the minutes.

Trucks Report: Deputy Chief Greg Cody reported he went to New York for a meeting with Firematic. It was the final construction meeting on the tower. It is all set to go. Training Officer Scott Poulton will set up training for the tower.

Last month - Engine 2 had the modular go. Cummings fixed it.

Engine 8 - on way to a fire call, the air compressor went.

Engine 4 - hydraulic fuel leak.

The tower had a charging problem. It was fixed. The alternator cost was \$3300.00. Everything is back in service.

Old Business:

None

New Business: Commissioner Victor Mitchell asked what the town's liability is when Terryville is responding to Thomaston calls.

Fire Chief Sekorski replied that Terryville is covered as long they are toned out though LCD under Mutual Aid.

Public Comment:

None

Executive Session - Discuss Fire Marshal Budget

A motion was made Commissioner Keith Golnik, seconded by Commissioner Victor Mitchell to go into Executive Session with the Fire Marshal and Board of Fire Commissioners. This motion was approved unanimously. The time is 7:28 pm.

Discuss and take action, if necessary, on Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Victor Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Keith Golnik to come out of Executive Session. This motion was approved unanimously. The time is 8:17 pm.

Chariman Sandshaw stated the Board of Fire Commissioners came to an agreement to write up a proposal to add another Deputy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keith Golnik, seconded by Commissioner Victor Mitchell for the Chairman to write a proposal to the Board of Finance to reinstate the funding for the Deputy Fire Marshal position. This motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment:

There being no further business of the Fire Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Victor Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Keith Golnik to adjourn. This motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Linda Schnaars, Recording Secretary