

Town of Plymouth

Board of Fire Commissioners

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Fire Commission Minutes

June 11, 2020

Call to Order: Chairman Martin Sandshaw called the scheduled June 11, 2020, Fire Commission Zoom Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Terryville Fire Department, Station 2, Plymouth Company, 691 Main Street, Plymouth, Connecticut.

Roll Call: Present were Chairman Martin Sandshaw, Vice-Chairman Gerald Wunsch, Commissioner Mark Redman, Commissioner Daniel Wollenberg. Also in attendance were: Chief Mark Sekorski, Fire Marshal Raymond Kovaleski, Assistant Chief Chris Masi, Deputy Chief Greg Cody and Deputy Chief Derek Freimuth. Also in attendance via Zoom: Councilwoman Sue Murawski.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Martin Sandshaw led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes dated February 13, 2020:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerald Wunsch, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Wollenberg to approve the February 13, 2020 Minutes. This motion was approved unanimously.

Handwritten signatures and stamps:
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Gerald Wunsch
Daniel Wollenberg

Commissioners' Reports

Chief's Report:

Chief Mark Sekorski reported the following for the months of March – June:

Attended a Town Council meeting for the 2020 – 2021 budget.

LCD working out great.

Deputy Fire Marshal Charlie Doback recommended a few changes at the gas plant.

Board of Finance meetings in March and Zoom meetings in April and May for Capitols and Police Building Committee.

Training was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Sexual harassment training was done.

The four Chiefs put a plan together from the start of Covid 19 to keep our families and members safe.

Structure fires – Blakeman Road – everyone dd a great job.

Thanked all the members for following the guidelines that the Chiefs put forward.

Treasurer's Report: The Commission went over the ledger.

Chief Sekorski reported that the Fire Department did well for the next budget. Got a start on air packs, on tower truck and the Chief's vehicle was included. Board of Finance is very receptive and did a wonderful job.

Chairman Sandshaw thanked the Chiefs on all the work on the budget.

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 February, March, April and May.

Fire Marshal Kovaleski reported that in February a notice from the State came out that no inspections for 90 days. Deputy Fire Marshal Doback took pictures of all the properties and uploaded them into the computer. The office issued a lot of burning permits. Linda got two (2) more hours to help out in the office in the next budget.

Fire Marshal Kovaleski reported that on April 15th, Deputy Fire Marshal Charlie Doback was bit by a dog when they went to inspect a property for a burn permit. The dog was put in quarantine. Charlie didn't miss any time of work. Went back to Med Works for follow up. The dog bit two other people after that.

Fire Marshal Kovaleski stated above average fire calls.

Chairman Sandshaw wanted to thank Linda Schnaars for all the work she does for the Fire Marshal's office, the Fire Department and the Fire Commission.

Communications:

Radio Report: Deputy Chief Greg Cody reported radios are working fine. There were a couple of problems and Norcom came and fixed that today. Getting ready to order portables. Happy with LCD.

Buildings and Grounds Report: Assistant Chief Chris Masi reported everything is working good. No issues. IT told him need to order three (3) computers for the spotted dog as they must be upgraded.

Equipment Report: Deputy Chief Derek Freimuth - nothing new to report.

Training Report: Per Chief Sekorski – on hold.

Trucks Report: Deputy Chief Greg Cody reported a few minor repairs were done. Out of money until next month. Truck Committee will work on getting details for new truck over the summer.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chief Sekorski stated the fire department are going on many lift assists. There are 3 – 4 police officers that stand there and do not help. He talked to a sergeant who stated it is in their contact that they can't help. Wants to know why they are first responders to the call.

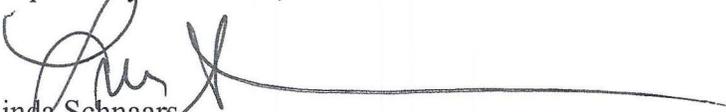
Chairman Sandshaw will look into this.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business of the Fire Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Daniel Wollenberg, seconded by Commissioner Gerald Wunsch to adjourn. This motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda Schnaars
Recording Secretary