

BOARD OF FIRE CHIEFS

SEYMOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

**1 FIRST STREET
SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT**

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2009

7:30pm

Citizens Engine Company

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Chief's Attending: Scott Andrews, Tom Tomasheski, Jim Smith, Dale Cann

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept April Meeting Minutes as submitted by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0

Motion made to accept April Special Meeting Minutes as submitted by Asst. Chief Tomasheski, 2nd Asst. Chief Smith. Approved 4-0

Discussion: Asst. Chief Smith asked if Firefighter Jim Leonard has made contact with the chiefs. Not as of yet per Chief Andrews. The next course of action will be to send him a certified letter.

Correspondence:

- 2 resumes were received for the vacant fire department clerk's position.

Chief's Report:

Health Report:

- Asst. Chief Cann stated he is still working on a project to organize physicals.
- Members who are 40+ years old need to have a 2009 physical. Chief Andrews stated requirements need to be reviewed.

Maintenance Report:

- Both companies handed in maintenance reports. Asst. Chief Tomasheski explained each report.
- Citizens:
 - E-10: door chain bracket broken.
 - E-11: portable radio charger not working. Chief Andrews told Asst. Engineer Davis to contact Communication Services about the radio charger.
- Batteries are needed at Citizens.
- Great Hill:
 - E-18: radiator needs repair.
 - M20: dive equipment to be removed. Chief Andrews stated Asst. Engineer McAndrew contacted him regarding the storage of the latex/rubber equipment.

Rubbermaid containers are needed to properly store that equipment. Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked if prices for these containers could be obtained.

- Chief Andrews spoke with Past Chief Thorpe about updating the GEMS boxes.
- Chief Andrews said vendor is still having difficulty locating elevator keys. It was asked if those keys could be duplicated. Asst. Engineer Davis to look into.
- Lt. Lewis stated a Scott Bottle needs to be repaired after being damaged during filling. Chief Andrews stated it needs to be sent to Shipman's.

Training Report:

- Asst. Chief Smith said last weeks training at the Fairfield Fire School went very well, but there was a poor turnout from Great Hill. 15 firefighters attended, only 1 was from Great Hill. Chief Andrews asked Captain Zaniewski if he knew why there was a poor turnout. Captain Zaniewski stated he put up a sign-up sheet, but members must not have been around. Both Chief Andrews and Asst. Chief Smith noted how important it is to encourage training.
- HazMat Ops. Refresher dates to be posted soon. Most likely going to be scheduled during the week.
- 2Q class being pushed back until June.
- Super Sunday makeup to be setup. Chief Andrews said June 30th will be the cut off for completion for members or they will be suspended from service. Asst. Chief Smith said signups will be placed in each firehouse and they will state; this is the last call before suspension of service.
- RIT training: more information being obtained.
- Asst. Chief Smith was given names of interested members from Citizens for NIMS 300. Great Hill has interest as well.
- Training/drill records are still needed.
- May 9th there is a seminar at the CT Fire Academy for those who would like to attend. "Training Today's Fire Service".

Old Business:

- Chief Andrews noted at the last Commissioners Meeting it was decided that with the status of new R-17, old R-17 remain OOS but, stay in house for an additional month. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said all remaining miscellaneous items in question on new R-17 have been taken care of. All Chiefs agreed with re-recommending old R-17 for surplus.
- Chief Andrews received the recommendation from each company regarding drivers who would like driver gear.
- Low hanging tree limb lists were obtained from Citizens, still awaiting Great Hill's list.
- Meeting with area Chief's went well per Chief Andrews. Meetings will continue. Chiefs were impressed with Beacon Falls' resources. Plans are for Seymour to hold an RIT class and to invite Beacon Falls.
- Weather station being installed on R-17. R-17 running rules will need to be updated to respond to all potential HazMat calls.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked for parade lists as well as Ladies Night coverage. Both Great Hill and Citizens stated they will be attending 3 parades each. 2 pieces

of apparatus can go. Captain Zaniewski stated he is having difficulty putting a crew together for Ladies Night Coverage. He will be addressing the company tomorrow.

- 2 new laptop computers have been installed in the Chief's vehicles and internet access if available.

New Business:

- Asst. Chief Smith stated his concern with the lack of driver response from Citizens. He noted situation can not continue or dual response may need to be discussed. He strongly recommended questioning drivers.
- Chief Andrews asked if map books have been obtained. Captain Zaniewski said not that he is aware of. Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked if map books could be incorporated into the dispatch from NWPS. Chief Andrews to look into.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski asked about the arrangements needed from Great Hill for Citizens 125th Parade. Chief Andrews stated that is being organized but, Great Hill apparatus will remain accessible. Citizens will be OOS completely, so a crew from Great Hill will be needed for each piece of apparatus.
- Asst. Chief Tomasheski noted that he has witnessed on 2 different occasions people in rafts at the falls. He noted that the falls has become quite active. Chief Andrews said he thought the town was going to place "no swimming" signs there. He will look into situation.
- Lt. Lewis stated that 1 firefighter from Citizens is on suspension for 15 days.
- Pagers have been returned. Chief Andrews noted that members who have multiple breakages with pager cases will be required to use an issued nylon case. If the cases are not used, their pagers will be taken away.

Fire Police Report:

- Citizens Fire Police Captain George Decker stated that a charger is needed for an old spare radio. Currently batteries are not charging. This spare radio is not issued out at this time.
- Members from the fire police will be attending a class on May 9th and they are requesting the use of a Chief's vehicle.
- Chief Andrews said he attended the Emergency Management Committee Meeting and more cones and barricades might be obtained for use on the van, they are being taken off the current trailer.

Public Comment: None

Requisitions: To be provided by Chief Andrews.

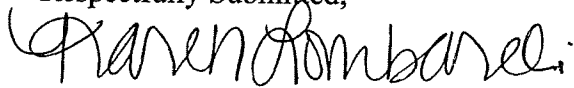
Executive Session: None

Other Business:

- Chief Andrews said the resumes that were received for the open clerk's position will be brought to the Commissioners Meeting.

**Motion made to adjourn at 9pm by Asst. Chief Cann, 2nd by Asst. Chief Smith.
Approved 4-0**

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Lombardi
Board Secretary