

Board of Fire Commissioners

1 First Street

Seymour, Connecticut 06483

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2009

7pm

Great Hill Hose Company

Commissioners Attending: Ugo Zullo, Patrick Lombardi, Allen Rochelle, Gene Atkas, Pete Sampiere

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

Motion made to accept February Meeting Minutes as submitted by Commissioner Atkas, 2nd by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0

Correspondence:

1. Letter from the Board of Finance regarding Workers Compensation Act, to be posted in both firehouses.
2. Letter from the Town regarding new First Report of Injury form.
3. Notice from Tom Eighmie explaining upcoming projects he is working on.

Financial Report:

- Commissioner Lombardi handed out and explained current budget report.
- Repair and Maintenance line item remains high.
- \$14,000 transfer was made for heating oil.
- Lt. Lewis reminded new engineers that they need to go to Town Hall to fill out paperwork, so they can get paid.
- Commissioner Lombardi said P.O.'s are under good control. He noted a few are outstanding and he will be discussing them with Chief Andrews.
- Commissioner Atkas asked about the Communication line item, he said money could be left over in that account.
- Commissioner Rochelle said he is concerned that the budget is prepared with the guidance of the Board of Finance and still a valid budget can't be prepared without needing to make transfers.
- Chief Andrews noted he has heard that First Selectman Koskelowski will not be including any Capital Improvements for this budget year.

Fire Marshal Report:

- Fire Marshal Wetowitz read the Summary of Office Activity for February 2009.
Motion made to accept report as submitted by Commissioner Atkas, 2nd by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0

- Fire Marshal Wetowitz also noted the most frequent types of incidents and there percentages from 1/1/08-12/31/08.
Vehicle Accidents- 19.4%, Smoke Scare/Odor of Smoke 9.8%, Alarm System Activation/No Fire- Unintentional- 16.9%.

Motion made to place information on file as matter of record by Commissioner Lombardi, 2nd by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0

Chief's Report:

Motion made to accept report as submitted by Commissioner Atkas, 2nd by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0

Discussion:

- Commissioner Atkas asked about the status of the dive service. Chief Andrews said the Board of Fire Chiefs will be submitting a letter. Focus will remain on surface water rescue only. It has been discussed with Derby's Chief Butler, that Derby will be a dual responding unit for all water rescue calls.
- Commissioner Atkas asked Asst. Chief Tomasheski to explain the Move Over Law. It was explained that its for emergency responders and laws regarding repercussions for injuries caused on highway scenes.
- Commissioner Rochelle wondered if the proposed requirements for line officers will be discussed with the specific companies. Chief Andrews said if the Officers bring it to the companies attention, but he noted that these proposed additional requirements will not change what is currently done, just how it is written.
- Commissioner Lombardi asked Asst. Chief Tomasheski about the utilization of the dive rescue van. Asst. Chief Tomasheski said it is in the planning stage. Commissioner Lombardi believes it should have specific parameters.
- Chairman Zullo suggested not assuming for discussions about old R-17, since it has not been surplusd yet.

Old Business:

- Chief Andrews asked if the Board has heard if the ordinance change has been passed for the Chief's appointment date. Nothing official per Chairman Zullo.
- Chairman Zullo discussed 2 quotes for the cleaning at Great Hill. \$2,000 has been committed for that work. Great Hill President Chris Motasky said they prefer to have Seymour Janitorial Services do the work. A quote from Service Master was submitted for approximately \$3,000 and the quote from Seymour Janitorial Services was submitted for \$1,570.

Motion was made to use Seymour Janitorial Services by Commissioner Rochelle, 2nd by Commissioner Atkas. Approved 5-0

New Business:

- Fire Marshal Wetowitz would like to agree on a date for oral interviews for the Asst. Fire Marshal applicants. The intent of those interviews are to evaluate the

candidates. Oral interviews are scheduled for March 30th at 7pm at Great Hill.
- Commissioner Rochelle said he noticed at Super Sunday that alot of gear was taken out service and asked if it has impacted the members from responding. Chief Andrews said there is a plan for these situations, since it happens every year. It was noted that the members from Citizens were able to get into other gear and sCaptain Zaniewski noted he is still in need of helmets.
- Commissioner Rochelle said he is aware of a situation where the fire department was not dispatched to a call for smoke in the area, because the police department found where the smoke was coming from. Chief Andrews said he has spoken to Seymour Police Lt. Satkowski about this situation in the past and Lt. Satkowski said they can only do so much to change behaviors.

Public Comment: None

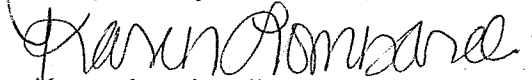
Requisitions: Please see attached

Motion made to accept requested as discussed by Commissioner Atkas, 2nd by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0

Executive Session: None

Motion made to adjourn at 8pm by Commissioner Atkas, 2nd by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Lombardi
Board Secretary

**Seymour Fire Department
Chief's Requisitions**

| Qty | Item Description | Vendor | Price ea. | Total | Acct. No. | P.O. No. |
|-----|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| 2 | Hose Bed Covers | Twin Lights | 600.00 | 1,200.00 | 745 | |
| 2 | Rank patches for GH turnout coats | Shipman's | 62.50 | 125.00 | 615 | |
| 10 | Gear Lockers | Shipman's | 240.00 24.00 | 2,400.00 240.00 | 430 | |
| 1 | Repair Citizen's air compressors | Air Compressor Engineering | 1,600.00 200.00 | 1,600.00 200.00 | 745 | |
| 2 | Ladder Belts | TBD | 235.00 | 470.00 | 745 | |
| 2 | Stokes Basket Slings | Firematic | 80.00 | 160.00 | 745 | |
| 2 | Driver Portables | Communication Services | 348.00 | 696.00 | 745 | |
| 5 | sets of turnout gear | Shipman's | 1,715.00 | 8,575.00 | 615 | |
| 1 | Employee Assistance Program | ESI Public Safety EAP | 1,724.25 | 1,724.25 | 340 | |
| 1 | Reimbursement for food for mandatory training Mar. 8, 2009 | Dale Cann | 159.21 | 159.21 | 350 | |
| 1 | Kenwood UHF Radio | Communication Services | 190.00 | 190.00 | 745 | |
| 1 | Kenwood VHF Radio | Communication Services | 750.00 | 750.00 | 745 | |
| 2 | Fire Research Portable Lights | Shipman's | 525.00 | 1,050.00 | 745 | |
| 1 | Helmet, Boots, Gloves | Shipman's | 3897.00 | 3897.00 | 615 | |
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By our signatures below, we approve the requisitions indicated above:

L. Scott Andrews
L. Scott Andrews, Chief

Thomas Tomasheski
Thomas Tomasheski, Asst. Chief

James Smith
James Smith, Asst. Chief

Date: 3/09/09

Dale Cann, Asst. Chief