

## Board of Fire Commissioners

1 First Street  
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

### Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2009

7pm

Citizens Engine Co.

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

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

**Motion made to accept March Meeting Minutes as submitted by Commissioner Atkas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0**

#### **Correspondence:**

1. Resignation letter from Clerk Oczkowski. He will assist in the training and organizing of the new clerk when appointed.

#### **Financial Report:**

- Commissioner Lombardi explained current budget printout.
- A few accounts need to be monitored closely.
- Commissioner Lombardi noted there is a town wide spending freeze. P.O.'s will be decided on, on a 1 on 1 basis, except for emergency items.
- All P.O.'s need to be approved by Finance Director Doug Thomas.

**Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report by Commissioner Atkas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0**

#### **Fire Marshal's Report:**

- Fire Marshal Wetowitz read the Summary of Office Activity for March 2009.

**Motion made to accept Fire Marshal's Report as submitted by Commissioner Rochelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0**

#### **Chief's Report:**

**Motion made to accept report as submitted by Commissioner Rochelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Atkas. Approved 5-0**

#### **Discussion:**

- Commissioner Atkas asked Chief Andrews to explain who the Upper Valley Chief's are and why a meeting has been scheduled. Chief Andrews noted that the lower valley consists of Ansonia, Derby, and Shelton and the upper valley consists of Oxford, Beacon Falls, and Bethany. He went on to explain that

resources are well known in the lower valley; however the upper valley towns need to discuss their resources. Chief Andrews did not want to get into exactly why a meeting has been setup at this time.

- Commissioner Rochelle added that all surrounding towns have a mutual aid agreement. Chief Andrews said he has never seen those agreements and they would need to be updated.
- Commissioner Sampiere asked about the officer requirements. Chief Andrews said they just needed to be formalized. Commissioner Sampiere asked if anyone was eligible to take the classes necessary to become an officer. Chief Andrews explained they are offered to anyone. The situation isn't currently that the newer members don't have the specific training; it's the older members that need to add to their training.
- Chairman Zullo discussed the recommendations given by the insurance company inspections.
- Chairman Zullo asked Asst. Chief Cann how physicals are going. Asst. Chief Cann said he is working on a plan to organize the system. Commissioner Atkas asked if an evening session will be set-up. Chief Andrews said if it can be set-up and people will commit to go.
- Commissioner Rochelle asked about the surplus of old R-17. Chief Andrews suggested holding off for right now. Discussion tabled until next months meeting.
- Commissioner Lombardi discussed items requested for scrapping and surplus. Salvage covers from old R-17 were requested to be scrapped and turnout gear taken OOS from Super Sunday excluding helmets were requested to be deemed as surplus and disposed of properly.

**Motion made to scrap salvage covers from old R-17 and OOS turnout gear to be surplus and disposed of properly by Commissioner Lombardi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 5-0**

#### **Old Business:**

- Chairman Zullo noted that the cleaning has been completed at Great Hill.

#### **New Business:**

- Chairman Zullo said that the ordinance change for the Chief's appointment date has been approved. Letters to be submitted by the Chief's by June for possible reappointment in July.
- Chairman Zullo asked Chief Andrews about pagers. Chief Andrews said a few were found and have been sent out.
- Chairman Zullo discussed resignation letter from Clerk Oczkowski.

**Motion made to accept Clerk Oczkowski resignation by Commissioner Lombardi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved 5-0**

- It was noted that postings for the vacant clerk's position have been placed in both firehouses. Chief Andrews noted that he is aware of at least 3 individuals who are interested in the position. Chairman Zullo said the procedure will be that the Chief's screen the applicants and bring the chosen candidates to this Board and interview dates will be set-up accordingly.

**Public Comment:** None

**Requisitions: Please see attached.**

- Additional Requisitions:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Oxford Paint & Hardware	New Ceiling Tile @ Citizens	\$668.00

**Motion made to accept requisitions as submitted including additional requisition by Commissioner Lombardi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Atkas. Approved 5-0**

Discussion:

- Commissioner Rochelle concerned because of the spending freeze that additional requisitions for firehouse improvements won't be considered. Commissioner Lombardi said all we can do is try to submit the requests.

**Executive Session:**

**Motion made to enter into executive session at 7:50pm by Commissioner Rochelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Lombardi. Approved 5-0**

**Motion made to reconvene meeting at 8:25pm by Commissioner Atkas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 5-0**

- It was stated that no actions/motions were taken during the executive session.

**Motion made to recommend Timothy Willis for the position of Assistant Fire Marshal by Commissioner Atkas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Sampiere. Approved: yes-4, no-0, abstain-1**

- Letter to be sent to the Board of Selectman.

**Motion made to adjourn at 8:30pm by Commissioner Lombardi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 5-0**

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Lombardi  
Board Secretary

**Seymour Fire Department  
Chief's Requisitions**


Apr-09

Qty	Item Description	Vendor	Price ea.	Total	Acct. No.	P.O. No.
1	Panasonic Toughbook CF-29	Telrepco Inc.	2,516.00	2,516.00	745	
1	Panasonic Toughbook CF-29	Telrepco Inc.	2,516.00	2,516.00	350	
1	reimbursement of chainsaw parts	Richard Madigosky	5.95	5.95	430	
1	reimbursement of water from 3/27/09 Kerite	Keith Walsh	15.99	15.99	610	
1	reimburse Oxford Fire Dept. for Greenwood fire	Great Hill Hose Co.	26.45	26.45	610	
1	reimbursement of food from Greenwood Cir.	Chris Motasky	143.00	143.00	610	
1	reimbursement from 3/28/09 MVA standby	James Smith	15.64	15.64	610	
1	reimbursement of shipping charges for R-17 computer	Ken Gabianelli	25.16	25.16	610	
1	Replace air valve R-12	Tracy's Garage	250.00	250.00	430	
1	Evaluate pump not working on E-18, pump noise E- 15	Ed Bouton, Jr.	225.00	225.00	430	
1	Install new radios in R-17	Communication Services	2,297.90	2,297.90	745	
1	Datalux computer mount (LUN-MOUNT-MTU)	Datalux, Inc.	250.00	250.00	745	
1	2 CP TRAINING CLASS	Valley Regional Fire	250.00	250.00	350	
1	HAZ MAT REF.	Valley Regional Fire	\$1100.00	\$1100.00	350	
1	Fairfield Fire School	Fairfield Fire School	200.00	200.00	350	

By our signatures below, we approve the requisitions indicated above:

  
L. Scott Andrews, Chief

  
Thomas Tomashski, Asst. Chief

  
James Smith, Asst. Chief

Date: 4/13/2009



Dale Cann, Asst. Chief