



Board of Fire Commissioners

1 First Street
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

Special Meeting Minutes
Board of Fire Commissioners & Board of Fire Chiefs
January 27, 2009
7:30pm
Citizens Engine Company

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

Chiefs Attending: Scott Andrews, Tom Tomasheski, Jim Smith, Dale Cann

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2009 Budget Review:

- Chief Andrews explained the proposed budget requests. He noted some changes to specific line items, including:

1. Reduction of Physicals by \$2,000, based off new standard guidelines.
2. Increased Education and Seminars by 8.11% for additional training.
3. Re-requesting \$32,000 for Repairs and Maintenance.
4. Clothing to be reduced, budgeting for only 12 sets of turn-out gear.
-adding 20 vests, 24 gloves- new rewards program, hoping to foster competition and increase responders.
5. Heating fuel increased by 1.77%.
6. Vehicle lease is under funded. Increased by 19.28% to cover current lease.
7. OSHA increased by 7.16%, which includes annual gear inspection, required by the new 1851 standards.

- Chief Andrews also discussed the 5 year Capital Plan.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Rochelle stated there is nothing over and above being requested for building maintenance. Commissioner Atkas stated that should be known when discussing budget, not currently requesting items even though they had been previously requested.

- Commissioner Lombardi noted that the travel line item may disappear and those funds will be placed into the education line item. Finance Director said its not worth keeping that line item in the budget.

Motion made to approve budget requests by Commissioner Atkas, 2nd by Commissioner Rochelle. Approved 4-0

Tax Abatement Candidates:

- Citizens and Great Hill handed in lists of qualified tax abatement candidates. Reviewed by Commissioners.

Discussion: None

Motion made to approve proposed candidates by Commissioner Lombardi, 2nd by Commissioner Atkas. Approved 4-0.

Motion made to adjourn at 8pm by Commissioner Lombardi, 2nd by Commissioner Atkas. Approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Lombardi
Board Secretary