

Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting – January 12, 2009

Chair Hackenyos called the meeting to order at the Main Firehouse at 7:00 p.m.

Present: F. Hackenyos, B. Quagliaroli, R. Gemme, R. Leach, G. Bland, H. Smith and Chief Bellmore.

Secretary's Report

Quagliaroli moved, Gemme seconded to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

The Commission reviewed the report for December 2008. There was discussion on the Maintenance of Vehicles line item.

Calls & Activities

The Commission reviewed the Calls and Activities Reports for December as well as an annual report showing statistics from 2002 through 2008.

Personnel Committee

- Recruitment & Retention – no action. Chief Bellmore shared a news release from ISO (Insurance Services Office) indicating that many towns are facing challenges in recruiting and training firefighters and other staff.
- By-laws – no action
- Substance Abuse Policy – no action.
- Firefighter Positions – to be discussed in Executive Session

Budget Committee

Preliminary 2009/2010 and 2010/2011. Chief Bellmore will attend an ACCE meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 7:45 a.m.

Chief's Report

- Traffic Light Preemption Equipment – All preemption equipment has been installed with the exception of Engine 1. This work will be done by MHQ.
- FY2008 Fire Grant Application – denied.
- 2008 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Application – denied.
- Radio Equipment – New England Communications will submit an estimate for the project some time in January.

Other Unfinished Business

New Business

Correspondence

- Chief Bellmore received a letter informing him of the ACCE meeting on January 14.
- A copy of the letter sent to the Probate Judge from the Shaughnessy estate has been received.

Other Business

Chief Bellmore reported that he is waiting for information on the amount of money it would cost to provide an intercom system on the trucks. The funds would come out of the Donation Fund if purchased.

Vehicles, Facilities, Equipment

Vehicles

- 1980 Pumper Truck – Chief Bellmore will look into the possibility of selling this truck.
- Engine 3 rear axle housing – low priority item – on hold at this time.
- Engine 2 – a P.O. has been pulled for the repair of blower drive sleeve & engine governor control. Waiting for a repair time to be scheduled.
- Rescue 1 – transfer case seal needs repair. P.O. pulled.
- Update on radio equipment for 4-wheel drive pickup – no action

Facilities

- Parking Lot Lighting for Station 2 - work is complete. Invoices to be paid with funds remaining in budget.
- Fire Alarm Systems @ Stations 2,3,4 – this is a Public Works project.
- Cable or Direct TV service for Stations 3 & 4 – the Association has approved paying for COX Cable service at stations 3 & 4.

Personnel:

Application(s) for Volunteer Membership

None

New Recruits – Status Report

- Daniel Bartini – is now an active Recruit Firefighter. Has gear.
- Amanda Thibedeau – currently a Support Firefighter
- Jeffrey Delage – no response to letter.
- Nicholas Fasano – applied and been approved for Firefighter I class
- Patrick Bucior – no action
- Candice Breslin – dropped out of Firefighter I class.
- Colby Tyler – on waiting list for Firefighter I class.

- Jeffrey Delage – no response to letter.
- Zachary Dupuis – in training as an Explorer.
- Ashley Thibedeau – currently an Explorer

Resignation or Change in Membership Status

- Eric Daniels – no change in status.

Other

Chief Bellmore reported that Fire Marshal George Hasting is on medical leave at the present time.

Executive Session

Quagliaroli moved, Leach seconded to enter Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

A personnel matter was discussed.

Executive session ended at 8:15pm.

Smith moved Bland seconded a recommendation of Chief Bellmore, for Lt. Thibedeau to assume the responsibilities of the Fire Marshal and utilize Firefighter Leahey to assist in his duties in the absence of Captain Hastings. The motion passed unanimously.

Leach moved Gemme seconded the authorization of both Chief Bellmore and the town H.R. director to compensate Lt. Thibedeau at an equitable rate. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Leach moved, Bland seconded to adjourn at 8:22pm

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Leach
Secretary

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