

Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting – December 20, 2010

Chair F. Hackenyos brought the meeting to order at the main firehouse at 7:00 p.m.
Present: F. Hackenyos, R. Leach, R. Gemme, R. Quagliaroli, P. Barrett and Chief Bellmore.

Secretary's Report

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the November 15 regular meeting and the November 22 special meeting. Quagliaroli moved, Gemme seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Leach moved, Gemme seconded to approve the November 2010 financial report. The motion passed unanimously.

Activities Report

The Commission reviewed the report for November 2010.

Personnel Committee

- Recruitment & Retention – a memo from Dan Vindigni was reviewed. Sandwich signs are in place and town website now has posted a recruitment brochure and a membership application. Chief Bellmore indicated that two applications have been received as a result of this advertising.
- There was also an update on the UConn Capstone Project.
- Full Time Firefighter Position – This position has been filled. New hire started on December 20th.
- Proposed revision to Firefighter, Step 1, Position Description – No action can be taken until union negotiations are underway.

Budget Committee

Chief Bellmore is working on a draft of the 11/12 budget proposal.

Chief's Report

- 2010 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) – No report
- Radio Equipment – no action
- 2010 Fire Grant Application – pending. Requested 122K in funding to support radio project.
- 2009 Grant Projects – no further action
- IMC Software System – Chief Bellmore updated the Commission on the status of this project.
- The Fire Commission's Annual report has been submitted.

New Business

Correspondence

- Chief Bellmore received a email from Jack Muska asking for his comments on the suggestion to shut off street lights after midnight as a cost savings for the town. There will be a meeting with the DPW on January 5 to discuss this further.

Employee Assistance Program

No report

Accident and Sickness Program for Volunteer Members

No report

Upcoming Changes in Computer Software

Chief Bellmore update the Commission on the status. The ADMINS system is being shutdown at the first of the new year.

Vehicles, Facilities, Equipment

Vehicles

- Vehicle Intercom Systems – no action
- Bi-annual preventive service on apparatus – completed
- Replacement of State-owned S-10 vehicle – no action

Surplus Equipment

No action

Apparatus Committee

- Proposed Bonding Package – A public forum was held on November 30 regarding proposed bonding for several items. There was little support for the Bridge St. School or library renovation projects as presented. As a result, the bonding proposal to the town may be split into two portions. Chief Bellmore has been asked to have final figures on apparatus replacement in one month.

Facilities

- Station 1 - none
- Station 2 - none
- Station 3
 - Replacement of exterior door to apparatus bay – no action
 - Emergency Generator – upgrade manual switch to automatic – no funding at this time.
- Station 4 - none

Personnel

Applications for Volunteer Membership

- The Commission agreed to table a volunteer membership request from Isaiah Sleath until more information is received on prior training.
- Leach moved, Gemme seconded to approve applications from the following for volunteer membership pending satisfactory completion of requirements: Geoffrey Miner, Robert Garretto, Patrick Herring, Gary Chlastawa, and Matt Schnepf. The motion passed unanimously.

New Recruits – Status Report

- Chief Bellmore will contact the following new recruits for a status update:
Michael J. Romans
Brian Richardson
Thomas Martin
Brian Herring
Luis Rohena
- Matthew Cerri – completed Firefighter I Class – waiting for test results
- Andrew Pearson – completed Firefighter I Class – waiting for test results
- Dan Bartini – completed Firefighter I Class – waiting for test results
- Daniel Carney – Volunteer Firefighter
- Joseph Tarasek – Explorer Post
- Neal Donahue – moved out of town
- Jeff Leonard – Applied for fall Firefighter I Class
- Tyler Schwarze – Volunteer Recruit Trainee
- Brian Formanek – Explorer
- Edward Motherway – Explorer
- Luis Rohena – Explorer
- Liam Beecher - Explorer

Resignations/Change in Membership Status

- Steven Domin (Captain's position) – to be discussed in executive session
- Gemme moved, Quagliaroli seconded to accept the verbal resignations of Neal Donahue (moved out of town) and Edward Motherway (time commitments). All gear has been returned. The motion passed unanimously

Open Lieutenant's Position

No action

Executive Session

Quagliaroli moved, Leach seconded to enter Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Out of Executive Session: 8:25 p.m.

Quagliaroli moved, Barrett second to accept Steven Domin's resignation as Captain of Station 2 and to promote Lieutenant John Shelanskas to Acting Captain in the interim. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve will continue to serve department as a volunteer firefighter.

Adjournment

8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Leach,
Secretary