

Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting – May 16, 2011

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

Secretary's Report

Gemme moved, Barrett seconded to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2011 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Leach moved, Quagliaroli seconded to accept the financial report for April 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

Activities Report

There was no report.

Old Business

Personnel Committee

- Recruitment & Retention – The department has been approved for a grant of \$3500 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to set up a website to aid in recruitment..
- UConn Capstone Project – Dan Vindigni and Chief Bellmore attended the presentation of the completed Capstone Project. A copy of the presentation was provided by email to all Commissioners. An evaluation of the project was reviewed by the Commission.
- Proposed Ordinance: Snow Removal from Fire Hydrants – Town Attorney is reviewing.

Budget Committee

The 2011/12 budget was approved at the Town Meeting held on May 11.

Chief's Report

- 2010 Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant – no response.
- Radio Equipment – waiting for T1 lines. Micro-dishes are on hold for further study on tower availability.
- The 2010 Fire Grant Application result is still pending. This will provide 122K in funding to support the radio project.
- 2009 Grant Projects –
 - Fire Prevention Grant – complete. Waiting for remaining invoices.
 - Firefighter Protective Equipment is all in. A final report is forthcoming.
- IMC Software System – now operational

New Business

Correspondence

- ECS Report on the groundwater monitoring at 9 Ratley Road are in. Tests are showing results below the DEP criterion. Project should be considered complete. Waiting for the final paperwork.

Employee Assistance Program

Commissioner Leach reported that the First Selectman has verbally communicated that, all fire fighters are covered for fire-related Employee Assistance, per Human Resources. Chief Bellmore will get contact information from Human Resources.

Accident & Sickness Program for Volunteer Members

Renewal application in progress.

Proposed Changes to Explorer Post By-Laws

These were reviewed by the Commission. Leach moved, Quagliaroli seconded to approved the Post Rules and Regulations as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Vehicles, Facilities, Equipment

Vehicles

- Vehicle Intercom Systems – no action.
- Bi-annual preventative service completed.
- Replacement of State-owned S-10 vehicle - no action

Equipment

- Ground Ladders – annual testing is complete. All ladders passed.
- Surplus Equipment – no further action.
- Hydraulic Rescue Tools – a PO has been approved for follow-up work.
- Written Proposals
 - A purchase order has been approved for 10 pagers
 - A purchase order has been approved for 6 lengths of 5 in supply hose
 - A purchase order has been approved for one meter and calibration options. This item will be paid for from the Donations account.

Apparatus Committee

Next meeting scheduled for May 17. Bonding package presented to town for new fire trucks has been approved.

Facilities

Station 3

- Exterior door to apparatus bay at Station 3 needs to be replaced – no action
- Station 3 Emergency Generator – no action. No funding at this time

Station 4

- Interior painted by inmate program

Personnel

Applications for Volunteer Membership

- Gemme moved, Leach seconded to approve Volunteer Explorer applications for: Kate A. Butler, Dennis E. Akpinar, and Dylan O'Connell. The motion passed unanimously.
- Leach moved, Quagliaroli seconded to approve a Volunteer Firefighter application for Emily K. Morison. The motion passed unanimously.

New Recruits – Status Report

The Commission reviewed the most recent status report.

Executive Agreement Between the Town of Suffield and Executive Group

Chief Bellmore send a request that Human Resources modify one part of the changes made by the Board of Selectmen at their April 6th meeting. As of this date, the Chief has been advised to move forward with plans based on the modifications approved on April 6th.

Resignations/Change in Membership Status

- None

Open Lieutenant's Position

No action

Other Business

- Training Officer Frank White is working on revisions to training requirements.
- A regular work schedule including new hires will be in place by middle of July.

Adjournment

Leach moved, Quagliaroli seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Leach
Secretary