

## Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting – July 18, 2011

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

### Secretary's Report

Bland moved, Gemme seconded to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2011 meeting.  
The motion passed unanimously.

### Financial Reports

Gemme moved, Bland seconded to accept the financial report for May 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

### Activities Report

The Commission reviewed report for June 2011.

## **Old Business**

### Personnel Committee

- Recruitment & Retention – no action
- UConn Capstone Project – no action
- Chair Hackenyos has requested that the Personnel Committee meet to review the Fire Chief's position description.
- Proposed Ordinance – Snow Removal from Fire Hydrants – no action

### Budget Committee

No report.

### Chief's Report

- 2010 Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant – no report/response.
- Radio Equipment – still waiting to get T1 line situation straightened out or will need to reprogram radios.
- Fire Prevention Grant – complete, will send final report to FEMA
- Firefighter Protective Equipment – complete, will send final report to FEMA

### Apparatus Committee

Committee is meeting weekly. Currently members are identifying and prioritizing wants and needs. Once the spec is complete, costs will be investigated.

## **New Business**

### Correspondence

- Chief Bellmore reported that the West Service Corporation has released its 2010 Drinking Water Quality Report
- A letter was received from Gary G. Cassanelli, Commissioner, Springfield Fire Department thanking the firefighters who responded to an accident on June 23 at the intersection of Rt. 75 and Halladay Ave. Mr. Cassanelli's wife was involved and the accident.

## **Vehicles, Facilities, Equipment**

### Vehicles

- Engine 1 – a written proposal has been received on the cost to repair rust on compartment doors. Discussion followed on cost to repair and repaint vs. door replacement.
- Engine 2 – Fuel lines have been replaced (\$4,285.39)
- Replacement of State-owned S-10 vehicle - no action
- Wheel pulls were done on Engine 1, Engine 2 and Rescue for brake inspections. Replaced calipers on the Rescue.

### Equipment

- Surplus Equipment – no further action – stored at Bridge St. School
- Hydraulic Rescue Tools – all identified repairs are complete

### 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

## **Personnel**

### Applications for Volunteer Membership

- Quagliaroli moved, Gemme seconded to approve the application of Craig Stevens for volunteer firefighter. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Commission agreed to table an application from Gary Bevilaque pending more information.

New Recruits – Status Report

The Commission reviewed the most recent status report. Chief Bellmore would like to create some exit questions to determine why many of the new recruits seem to lose interest before completing their training.

Resignations/Change in Membership Status

- None

Open Lieutenant's Position

No action

Work Schedule

The new work schedule took effect on July 11.

Adjournment

Quagliaroli moved, Blan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Leach  
Secretary