Town of Suffield

Board of Fire Commissioners

Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting – August 19, 2013

Chair Phil Barrett, brought the meeting to order at the main firehouse at 7:00 p.m.
Present: P. Barrett, P. Christian, R. Gemme, R. Quagliaroli, G. Bland and Chief Charles Flynn.

Secretary's Report

Bland moved, Gemme seconded to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Christian moved, Gemme seconded to approve the Financial Report for July 2103. The motion passed unanimously. Chief Flynn stated that the 12/13 budget had an overage of $12,312.17 due to overtime during Storms Sandy and Nemo. The town has applied for federal reimbursement for this overtime. No response as of this date.

Correspondence

None.

Public Comment

None

Activities Report

The Commission reviewed report for July 2013.

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Old Business

- Apparatus Response – as requested by Commissioner Christian, the July 2013 Activities Report included an apparatus breakdown showing how many times during the month each apparatus was used.

- Chief Flynn provided information on the top 10 most frequent users of the Fire Department services in town.

Vehicles, Facilities, Equipment

- The tower truck is back in service.
- Engine/Tanker 2 is on line
- Generators for Stations 3 & 4 were approved by ACCE. Anticipate implementation of these generators in spring 2014.
- The First Selectman has asked Chief Flynn to look into selling Engine 2. Chief Flynn will contact Treasurer Debbie Cerratto regarding the selling process.
- Engine 3 sustained some minor damage. Waiting for an estimate for repair.

Personnel

Chief Flynn stated that he had received a complaint about the use of names in the Commission minutes.

Fire Marshall

Chief Flynn shared a report from the Fire Marshal regarding violation of building codes in Town.

Other

The Chief reported that the new uniforms should be arriving in early September. Another five members have signed the uniform policy agreement.

Executive Session

Christian moved, Bland seconded to enter executive session at 7:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

A personnel matter was discussed.

Regular Session

Gemme moved, Bland seconded to return to regular session at 7:50p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Bland
Secretary