

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Sherman called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on January 13, 2010, to order at 6:03 p.m. Commissioners Sherman, Longo, Nevelos, and Baker were present. Also in attendance were Chief Clark and Asst. Chief Wisner. Commissioner Dandrow arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Baker, to accept the minutes of December 16, 2010, regular meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Nevelos, to approve the payment of bills for December in the amount of \$34,543.01. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dandrow arrived.

Chief's Report:

- The Department manned all four stations for the December 27, 2010 storm, for twenty-four hours. There were fifty-four calls that were responded to with a total cost for the storm watch at \$9,215. A shelter was established at the Calendar House that twenty-nine residents took advantage of. The feedback from the public was very positive.
- A negotiations meeting was held during the month. The Board will be briefed during Executive Session on the outcome.
- The first class of probationary firefighters began on January 3, 2011.
- Chief Clark attended the Ambulance Review meeting. AMR has shown improvement in notifying the Department when there is a delayed response.
- A commercial roofer did a thorough inspection of the roof at Engine Company 3 and estimated its replacement at \$140,000. Chief Clark has revised the Capital Expenditure request to include the roof replacement.
- Chief Clark toured AMR's dispatch center in New Haven. The New Haven office is where all the state dispatching is done.
- The states mandate for correspondence retention for the fire service was discussed at the Career Chief's Association meeting. The association will be sending a delegation to challenge the policy that would be an unfunded mandate. The cost associated with the storage would be an additional strain on the town budgets.

MOTION: by Nevelos, seconded by Baker, to accept the Chief's Report as given. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Memo from Chief Clark recommending the approval of Company 5's 2011 slate of officers.

Memo from Chief Clark recommending the adoption of the FEMA Equipment Fee Schedule and wage expense with overtime benefit cost of 22.06% per hour, when billing for services.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Budget was discussed.

MOTION: by Nevelos, seconded by Longo, to approve the 2011-2012 budget request of \$4,024,132. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the Capital Expenditure request was held. Chief Clark reported that currently two engines are out of service for repairs and if another breaks down significant changes will have to be made.

MOTION: by Baker, seconded by Longo to approve sending a letter to Town Manager John Weichsel requesting the bonding of a new engine and roof replacement for Engine Company 3. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board approved the cover letter for the 2011-2012 budget request.

Chairman Sherman discussed having the Board approve the volunteer applicants during the application process

The Board congratulated FF Eric Heath in his successful completion of a Bachelor Degree of Fire Science Administration.

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS:

MOTION: by, Nevelos seconded by Longo, that the Board adopts Consent Item 9.A through Item 9.B. as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Company 5's slate of officers.
Recommendation: That the Board approves the request.
ACTION: Approved.
- B. Adoption of the FEMA Equipment Fee Schedule and wage expense with overtime benefit cost of 22.06% per hour, when billing for services.
Recommendation: That the Board approves the request.

ACTION: Approved.


MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Nevelos, to adjourn to Executive Session, excluding the public and the press with the exception of Chief Clark and Assistant Chief Wisner, to discuss personnel matters at 6:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel matters were discussed. No action was taken.

Returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Mary E. Baker, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners

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