

TOWN OF SOUTHLINGTON
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Daly called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on December 17, 2009, to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Daly, Sherman, Longo, Nevelos and Berkmoes were present. Also in attendance was Chief Clark.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was turned over to Chief Clark.

MOTION: by Berkmoes, seconded by Longo, nominating Daly as Chairman. Nominations were closed. Motion carried unanimously.

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MOTION: by Berkmoes, seconded by Nevelos, nominating Longo as Vice Chairperson. Nominations were closed. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Berkmoes, seconded by Nevelos, nominating Sherman as Secretary. Nominations were closed. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Nevelos, seconded by Longo, to accept the minutes of November 12, 2009, regular meeting as circulated. Motion carried with four ayes and one abstention.

MOTION: by Nevelos, seconded by Longo, to approve the payment of bills for November in the amount of \$49,866.47. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief's Report: (Copy attached to the minutes.)

- Company 2's annual Christmas gathering will be on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.
- The new identification tag system is the same system used in most towns and state agencies. ID tags are being made for department members and town officials.
- An invitation to visit the Fire Department was sent to all the members of the Board of Finance and the Town Council. Two members have already met with Chief Clark and three more are scheduled to.
- At the monthly department heads meeting the departments were instructed to limit their budget requests to a 2.5% increase.
- An update in the H1N1 virus shows a decline in cases.

- New training software is being looked at for long distance learning. The software would enable members to do the classroom work over the internet during their free time.
- A staff meeting with all the department officers was held on December 10. The meeting went well with good dialog.
- The Fitness Committee met with Corporate Fitness for a presentation on their products. The program is being looked at to promote fitness and advertises a savings in health insurance costs.
- New laptops and tablets were researched for the Inspection Bureau.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Email from FF Upson requesting to meet with the commissioners to discuss a personnel matter.

Chairman Daly asked Chief Clark for the background on the request to the commission and if the chain of command was followed. Chief Clark had met with FF Upson who expressed concern about his standing with the commissioners and the captain training officer position. Chief Clark is not sure if this is the topic that FF Upson wanted to discuss. Chief Clark was instructed to meet with FF Upson to find out the specific reason for his request. If the reason is about him not being promoted, the Board does not see anything productive in meeting to discuss this issue.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Budget - Discussed

Chief Clark discussed having Captain Training Officer DiBattista take home Car 4 during off hours. Chief Clark feels that with Captain DiBattista living locally and his role as safety officer, his ability to respond directly from his residence would be beneficial to the department. The Board consented for the use of the vehicle based on the current policy. Chief Clark was assigned to review and revise the policy.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Commissioner Sherman questioned a couple of EMS calls that had a delayed response from AMR. Chief Clark will investigate the calls through Central Dispatch and Director of Health Chuck Motes. The issue will also be brought up to the Ambulance Review Committee. The department is available to be dispatched to medical calls and if AMR is delayed to the scene. Both the Police

and Fire Departments have the authority to call another ambulance company if it is warranted. Commissioner Longo suggested bringing back the ambulance service to the Fire Department.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Nevelos, to adjourn to the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert L. Sherman
Robert Sherman, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners

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