

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Daly called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on March 14, 2007, to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Daly, Kupec, Sherman, Bedard and Perillo were present. Also in attendance were Chief McDonough and Asst. Chief Wisner.

Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Bedard, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2007, meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Perillo, to approve payment of bills for January 2007 in the amount of \$418,672.77. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Bedard, to approve payment of bills for February 2007 in the amount of \$53,362.56. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: (Copy attached to minutes)

Commissioner Perillo questioned the January fire loss listed under other, of \$150,000. Chief McDonough did not recall the incident and will look into the incident and email the board with the information.

- The new ladder truck has been delivered from Pierce Manufacturing. Pierce supplied an instructor for three days to train the career personnel and Company 1 on its operations. The ladder will be delayed being put into service for a few weeks to go to Firematic and Detroit Diesel for minor maintenance issues found during training by the instructor. When put into service the present ladder will be relocated to Company 3 and training will be scheduled for their members. The advertising for the retired ladder truck will be placed in next months 1st Responder Newspaper after the ad is approved by the Town Attorney.
- The new website has been put online and any events the volunteer companies would like included will need to send the information to Chief McDonough's office including times, place and contact information.
- Chief McDonough has been invited to attend a Federal Firefighters Caucus in Washington, D.C. March 28-30, 2007. With approval from the board he will attend with expenses paid by the CFCA.
- Chief McDonough attended the Board of Finance meeting on February 28, 2007 for two department requests. One request, \$15,000 for the upgrading

the Veeder Root system and miscellaneous expenses for the fuel pumps, was debated from party to party with a final approval of \$13,100.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Sherman, to accept the Chief's Report.
Motion carried unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS:

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending the approval of Company 1's request to hold a Pancake Breakfast on March 25, 2007.

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending the denial of a one-year leave of absence for FF Rodney Abbott and approving a three-month leave.

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending the approval of Company 5's request to hold a Flower Sale April 5-8, 2007.

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending extending the Snow Plowing/Removal contract with B&S Concrete for two more years at the current rate of \$13,800 for the season.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Captain Ozga of Company 3 invited the board and both chiefs to a company function.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Sherman, to approve Company 1's request to hold a Pancake Breakfast on March 25, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Perillo, seconded by Bedard to approve FF Abbott's request for a leave of absence as amended by Chief McDonough for three months, ending June 30, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Bedard to approve Company 5's request to hold a Flower Sale April 5-8, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Bedard, seconded by Perillo, to approve extending the Snow Plowing/Removal contract with B&S Concrete for two more years at the current rate of \$13,800 for the season with the condition that approval is given by the Town Attorney who will determine if it meets the new bidding guidelines for the town. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Daly and the other board members toured the completed conference room. Chairman Daly asked Chief McDonough to communicate their appreciation to Captain Mark Saucier for all his hard work in renovating the room to compliment the rest of the Headquarters Addition/Renovation project.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Kupec, to adjourn to Executive Session, excluding the public and the press with the exception of the Chief, and Asst. Chief to discuss personnel matters at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board of Fire Commissioners entered executive session immediately following the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting with the following in attendance in order to discuss personnel matters:

The following board members were present, viz:

Kevin R. Daly
Elaine Bedard
Thomas Kupec
Louis Perillo
Robert Sherman

Ex-Officio members present were as follow, viz:

Richard McDonough, Fire Chief
Thomas Wisner, Asst. Fire Chief

No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

MOTION: by Perillo, seconded by Sherman, to return to regular session at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Perillo, seconded by Sherman, to return to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Sherman, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners