

TOWN OF SOUTHLINGTON  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chairman Bedard called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on August 13, 2008, to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Bedard, Kupec, Sherman and Longo were present. Also in attendance was Asst. Chief Wisner. Commissioner Daly and Chief Clark were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Sherman, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2008 meeting as circulated. Motion carried with three ayes and one abstention.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Kupec, to approve payment of bills for July 2008 in the amount of \$15,832.37. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: (Copy attached to minutes)

Asst. Chief Wisner reported:

- Chief Clark is attending the IAFC convention in Denver, CO.
- The concrete pad for the old section of headquarters' driveway has been poured. Tilcon will be starting the paving within the next two weeks.
- The painting and staining at Company 3 is complete, with the exception of the siren.
- Done Construction has begun disconnecting the Gamewell system throughout the town. The Fire Department will be responsible for physically removing the boxes from the poles. The town hall and library are in the process of converting to a digital dialer. Town Manager Weichsel has put Chief Clark in charge of the town hall conversion.
- The bids for oil separators are being handled by the Engineering Department. At this time, the administration has not been notified if the Town Council has awarded it.
- The annual ladder testing has been completed. All the department ladders passed inspection.
- Lt. Kurtz has had some resident interest in the CERT program, and he will continue to recruit.
- Chief Clark is looking into a new software program for the Fire Department. He has received a Windows based demonstration program that the administration and shift having been trying out. The IBM AS400 leasing company has been contacted for a price to extend the lease for two years.

- The department has had a busy month for vehicle accidents and near misses. C3 was involved in a minor accident that caused damage to the rear bumper; and R1 had a minor accident with a shopping cart during driver training.
- Assistant Chief Wisner made the board aware of a memo in their packet from Company 3, asking for their attendance on August 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., for a photo that will be used in the company's anniversary book.

Commissioner Kupec asked for more detail on the Gamewell system removal. Asst. Chief Wisner reported that the system is in need of extensive repair and it would be cost prohibitive for the department to maintain it.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Memo from Chief Clark recommending the approval of Company 5's request to hold an Old Timers Night on September 8, 2008, and a picnic on September 14, 2008.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Captain Ozga reported on the progress of Company 3's anniversary party which will be held at the Aqua Turf on November 18, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Captain Ozga also wanted the board to know of all the support that the area businesses gave the company with donations for the anniversary book.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Sherman, to approve Company 5's request to hold an Old Timers Night on September 8, 2008 and a picnic on September 14, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Sherman, to adjourn to Executive Session, excluding the public and the press with the exception of Assistant Chief Wisner and the officers of Company 3, to discuss personnel matters at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel matters were discussed.

Returned to regular session at 8:29 p.m.

No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Robert Sherman, Secretary  
Board of Fire Commissioners