

TOWN OF SOUTHLINGTON
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Daly called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on March 12, 2008, to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Daly, Kupec, Bedard and Longo were present. Commissioner Sherman arrived at 7:40 p.m. Also in attendance were Chief McDonough, Asst. Chief Wisner and Captain Clark.

Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for the death of retired FF Alphonse Cusano who was a member of Company 1 for over 15 years.

The meeting was turned over to Vice Chairperson Bedard.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Longo, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Daly, seconded by Kupec, to approve payment of bills for February 2008 in the amount of \$27,440.24. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: (Copy attached to minutes)

- The camera system is up and running. The only work remaining is the computer hookup in the kitchen and the reception area in the administrative offices.
- The steering box on Rescue 1 had to be replaced at the cost of \$2,300; unfortunately it is just out of warranty. It has been brought to our attention that there is a design flaw that has affected other departments throughout the country. The manufacturer of the part has not acknowledged the problem but has since changed the design in newer apparatus. The department will pursue reimbursement from the manufacturer. Rescue 1 is the only apparatus in the fleet with this design.
- Chief McDonough reminded the Board that the annual Board of Finance workshop for the department is on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending the approval of Company 2's request to hold flower sales on March 21-23, 2008 and May 9-11, 2008.

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending the request of a Special Appropriation for \$45,000 for the Paid Volunteer Firemen Salary account #228-010-4300-010.

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending the request for transfers to the Vehicle Repairs account #228-020-1380-010 in the amount of \$3,000.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Commissioner Sherman arrived at 7:40 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Daly, to approve Company 2's request to hold flower sales on March 21-23, 2008 and May 9-11, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Sherman to approve the request of a Special Appropriation for \$45,000 for the Paid Volunteer Firemen Salary account #228-010-4300-010. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Sherman to approve transfers to the Vehicle Repairs account #228-020-1380-010 in the amount of \$3,000. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Daly, seconded by Longo, to adjourn to Executive Session, excluding the public and the press with the exception of the Chief McDonough, Asst. Chief Wisner and Captain Clark to discuss personnel matters at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel matters were discussed.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Sherman, to return to regular session at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

By consensus of the Board a letter will be sent to the Town Manager outlining their understanding of Chief McDonough's compensation. The Board feels that there was never two components to his salary and feel that hourly rate should be calculated by dividing the salary by 52 weeks and then by 35 hours per week to determine the hourly rate.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Sherman, to return to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Sherman, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners