

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Daly called the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on March 18, 2009, to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Daly, Sherman, Longo, Nevelos and Berkmoes were present. Also in attendance were Chief Clark and Asst. Chief Wisner.

Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Berkmoes, to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2009 meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Nevelos, to approve payment of bills for February 2009 in the amount of \$36,663.27. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: (Copy attached to minutes)

- The fire on Meriden Waterbury Road went very well and there were no injuries. Chief Clark was invited to speak at the Town Council meeting that honored Sal Ajro and his son Adem for their efforts at the fire.
- During an annual service on L2 multiple deficiencies were found. The estimated repair costs are being prepared and based on the amount it may be necessary for L2 to remain out of service until the new fiscal budget.
- The proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations will be presented in April's meeting.
- The connection to dispatch and the Firehouse Software will be completed on Friday. A training session for the officers is tentatively set for next week.
- Three new computers have been installed and four more are expected in. Chief Clark would like to have a computer in each station in preparation for the canopy system network to enable the connection to the Firehouse Software server.
- There was a staff meeting last week. The minutes will be in the Board's packet for next months meeting.
- Firematic was in to service the Hurst tools. During the inspection, a yolk problem was discovered with the combi tool on R1. The tool that was located in the rear has been moved to the front as a replacement. Overall, the inspections showed that the department is properly maintaining the Hurst equipment. The Rams were found to be outdated and the parts to repair them are scarce. The spreaders were also found to be outdated. Chief Clark is looking into replacing the spreaders and taking advantage of a current offer that would replace the Rams free of charge.
- Chief Clark attended the Energy Conservation Committee meeting. He was asked to define the Fire Department lighting needs in public buildings. The

need for lighting in each staircase was conveyed, as was the need for a light in the hallways.

- Chief Clark attended a meeting for Bread for Life.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Memo from Chief Clark recommending the adoption of a mileage reimbursement policy for mandatory firefighter training classes at the Town's current rate per mile.

Memo from Chief Clark recommending the approval of Company 5's request to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 12:00.

Memo from Chief Clark recommending requesting a transfer of \$1,350 from the Gasoline & Diesel Fuel account #10012071-562065 to the Gasoline & Pump Repair account #10012071-570010, Project 06020.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Commissioner Berkmoes discussed a program that the Water Department is participating in collecting unused and unwanted prescription drugs on April 25th from 10:00 – 12:00 at the Water Department, 605 West Queen Street, Southington. There will be a registered pharmacist at the site. If anyone is interested, they are encouraged to sign up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Berkmoes, to approve the adoption of a mileage reimbursement policy for mandatory firefighter training classes at the Town's current rate per mile. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Berkmoes, seconded by Sherman to approve Company 5's request to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 12:00. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Nevelos to approve requesting a transfer of \$1,350 from the Gasoline & Diesel Fuel account #10012071-562065 to the Gasoline & Pump Repair account #10012071-570010, Project 06020. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Berkmoes, to adjourn to Executive Session, excluding the public and the press with the exception of Chief Clark and Asst. Chief Wisner to discuss personnel matters at 6:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel matters were discussed.

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Sherman, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Sherman, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners