

TOWN OF SOUTHTON  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Daly called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on May 14, 2008, to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Daly, Bedard, Sherman and Longo were present. Also in attendance were Chief McDonough, Asst. Chief Wisner and Captain Clark. Commissioner Kupec arrived later.

Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: by Bedard, seconded by Longo, to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2008, regular meeting as circulated. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 1 abstention.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Bedard, to approve the payment of bills for April 2008 in the amount of \$39,156.51. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- The inspectors noticed that a piece of the roof flashing was hanging on the north side of Fire Headquarters creating a hazard. During the removal of the loose flashing it was discovered that the underlying wood was rotted. Captain Saucier gave an estimate of \$5,000 to have it repaired.

Commissioner Kupec arrived at 7:35 p.m.

- Captain Clark attended the Town Council meeting on Monday, May 12, 2008, to discuss the 08-09 budget. Captain Clark requested reinstating \$10,000 to the 4-Wheel Drive line item. The council denied the request and cut the \$16,000 that was approved by the Board of Finance.
- Captain Clark was also at the Town Council meeting to discuss the request to waive the bidding process for the Props/Trailer/Safety Village. The grant is product and type specific which is available through a sole manufacturer. The council granted the request. Chief McDonough discussed the housing of the trailer at Company 5 with the Board, based on the measurements given by the manufacturer.
- The Town Manager has sent a packet to Chief McDonough regarding a service contract for the decon trailer. Chief McDonough has reviewed it and will forward it to Deputy Town Manager Sciota. There is no cost to the department.
- Department mechanic, Mark Aszklar, advised Chief McDonough of the need of replacement for the clutch on Brush 3. They spoke of the condition of the truck and worthiness of money spent on the repair. It was determined that the truck was still in good enough condition to justify the expense.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending the approval of Company 3's request to hold a Strawberry Shortcake Fundraiser on June 2, 2008.

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending the request of a Special Appropriation of \$5,000 for the Legal/Professional account #228-020-1010-010.

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending requesting Special Appropriations of \$15,000 for the Sick Replacement account #228-010-5600-010 and \$25,000 for the Overtime Callback account 228-010-5900-010.

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending the request of a Special Appropriation of \$1,698 for the Clerk/Typist account #228-010-2970-010.

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending the request of a Special Appropriation of \$4,700 for the Reimbursable account #228-010-5700-010.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Bedard, to approve Company 3's request to hold a Strawberry Shortcake Fundraiser on June 2, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Longo, to approve Chief McDonough's recommendation to request a Special Appropriation of \$5,000 for the Legal/Professional account #228-020-1010-010. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief McDonough informed the board of the possibility of the Board of Finance transferring money out of other accounts instead of Special Appropriations. Chief McDonough feels that by the time the Board of Finance meets, the regular end of the year expenses will have depleted all the accounts with the exception of the Repaving of Fire Headquarters account.

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Kupec, to approve Chief McDonough's requesting Special Appropriations of \$15,000 for the Sick Replacement account #228-010-5600-010 and \$25,000 for the

Overtime Callback account 228-010-5900-010. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Kupec, to approve Chief McDonough's recommendation to request a Special Appropriation of \$1,698 for the Clerk/Typist account #228-010-2970-010. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Bedard, to approve Chief McDonough's recommendation to request a Special Appropriation of \$4,700 for the Reimbursable account #228-010-5700-010. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Bedard, seconded by Longo, to adjourn to Executive Session, excluding the public and the press with the exception of Chief McDonough, Asst. Chief Wisner and Captain Clark to discuss personnel matters and interview candidates at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel matters were discussed.  
Candidates were interviewed.

Return to regular session at 9:00 p.m.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Longo, to offer Christopher Fusco the position of Firefighter as of June 22, 2008 pending passing a physical and background check. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Robert Sherman, Secretary  
Board of Fire Commissioners