

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Daly called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on October 10, 2007, to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Daly, Bedard, Kupec, and Perillo were present. Also in attendance were Chief McDonough, Asst. Chief Wisner and Chief Elect Harold Clark. Commissioner Sherman was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for the death of retired FF Bill Geddes who was a member of Companies 3 & 4 for 14 years.

Chairman Daly introduced Captain Harold Clark as the candidate to succeed Chief McDonough upon his retirement. Captain Clark will be joining the future Board meetings as training for the position. Chairman Daly wished Captain Clark a long tenure as chief of the department.

MOTION: by Bedard, seconded by Kupec, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2007, meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Perillo, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 26, 2007, meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Bedard, seconded by Kupec, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 2007, meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Bedard, seconded by Kupec, to approve payment of bills for September 2007 in the amount of \$66,821.35. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: (Copy attached to minutes)

- The security camera system has been installed. Problems with the IP addresses are being worked out through Cox Communications.
- Chief McDonough and Asst. Chief Wisner visited the West Street site of the new Target where a blasting permit was granted. They observed the job and found the work done in accordance with state guidelines. The blasting will be conducted over the next six to eight weeks. The Hartford Insurance Group was concerned of any consequence that blasting would have on their property.

- Chief McDonough has spoken with Company 1 officers and Headquarters Company to inform them of the intent to outfit Ladder 2 with similar equipment as Ladder 1. This is being done so a rotating schedule for Monday night training can be established with Company 1 and Headquarters so both companies can continue training on both pieces of equipment.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Daly asked for the letter sent by him to the Town Manager, Town Council, Fire Chief, Asst. Fire Chief, Town Attorney/Assistant Town Manager, Headquarters Company and Volunteer Companies is read into the minutes.

Letter from Chairman Daly detailing the actions of the Board of Fire Commissioners on the special meeting of October 3, 2007 in which the Board of Fire Commissioners unanimously voted to appoint Captain Harold Clark to succeed Chief McDonough upon his retirement.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Captain Ozga reminded the Board of the retirement party for FP William Pritt on October 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Manor Inn.

FP Nelson DeAngelo informed the Board that the time for Company 1's Old Timers Night is at 7 p.m. on October 22, 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chief McDonough informed the Board that work on the 08-09 Fiscal Budget has begun and the first draft will be ready for the regular November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Perillo, seconded by Bedard, to adjourn to Executive Session, excluding the public and press with the exception of the Chief McDonough, Asst. Chief Wisner, Chief Elect Harold Clark and two member of Company 3 to discuss personnel matters at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel matters were discussed. No action was taken.

Returned to regular session at 8:35 p.m.

MOTION: by Perillo, seconded by Kupec, to add to the agenda under New Business, Item A, to direct Chairman Daly to discuss with the Town Attorney the possibility of adding a line item to the 07-08 Budget for a temporary second Assistant Chief. Motion carried unanimously.

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MOTION: by Perillo, seconded by Bedard, to add to the agenda under New Business, Item B, to request a new line item account to the 07-08 Budget for a temporary second Assistant Chief pending the results of the discussion Chairman Daly has with Town Attorney Mark Sciota. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Perillo, seconded by Bedard, to request a new line item account to the 07-08 Budget for a temporary second Assistant Chief pending the results of the discussion Chairman Daly has with Town Attorney Mark Sciota. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Bedard, seconded by Kupec, to adjourn to the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Elaine Bedard, Vice Chairman
Board of Fire Commissioners