

TOWN OF SOUTHLINGTON  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Daly called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on September 19, 2007, to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Daly, Bedard, Kupec, and Sherman was present. Commissioner Perillo arrived at 7:35 p.m. Also in attendance were Chief McDonough and Asst. Chief Wisner.

Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Bedard, to approve the minutes of August 15, 2007, regular meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Kupec, to approve payment of bills for August 2007 in the amount of \$56,798.67. Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: (Copy attached to minutes)

- After receiving cost estimates from AT&T and Cox for internet connection to all four stations it was determined that Cox would be more cost efficient. This connection is needed for the new security camera system to be accessible from remote sites. Dynamic Security will complete the installation this week. The connection will also benefit the volunteer companies if they choose to purchase a wireless router.
- The department has received a radio grant through FEMA which was applied for by Captain Clark and Lt. Kurtz. Chief McDonough is awaiting written confirmation which will detail the process to receive the money. He has spoken with other departments who have received the grant and their procedure is to send a copy of the bill to FEMA and you are reimbursed the amount. The money will then be deposited to the General Fund and a request will have to be made for a transfer from the Board of Finance.
- The last of the windows in the older section of Headquarters have been installed.
- Engine 22 won in the convention on Sunday, September 16, 2007. A few days after the competition there was an accident in which the engine was backed into the station. The incident is still being investigated.
- There was an auto accident in front of Company 3 that involved a rollover, which caused property damage. The report has been requested from the Police Department and when it is received there will be discussion with the Parks Department to determine the next course of action.

- Chief McDonough has been requested to attend a strategic conference on October 25-28, 2007 in Washington, D.C for the CFCA and a Home Sprinkler Seminar October 15-18, 2007 through the Federal Government. If the board approves there will be not costs incurred by the department.

Commissioner Kupec asked for more information about the radio grant. Chief McDonough informed the board of the specifics which include the grant being product and type specific and the approval of the Town Council for waiver of the bidding process. The grant is for \$62,700 and as specified by the grant this will cover 90% of the cost. The department will pay for the 10% from the current radio and minitor account.

Commissioner Perillo arrived during the discussion at 7:35

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Kupec, to accept the Chief's Report. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 1 abstention.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending FF Christopher Fusco's one-year leave request.

Asst. Chief Wisner reported to the board that he has just received a letter from Captain Ozga of Company 3 inviting the board on October 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. to attend the retirement party for FF William Pritt.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Captain Doug Badgley requested for the board to meet with the volunteer company captains for input in the selection of the next Fire Chief. It was determined that the two company captains attending the meeting would meet with the board in Executive Session before the interviews this evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Kupec, to approve FF Christopher Fusco's one-year leave request. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Perillo, seconded by Bedard, to adjourn to Executive Session, excluding the public and the press with the exception of Captain Badgley and Captain Ozga to discuss personnel matters at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Captain Badgley and Captain Ozga left Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

Candidates were interviewed

Return to regular session at 10:10 p.m.

MOTION: by Bedard, seconded by Kupec, to hold second interviews with Asst. Chief Wisner and Captain Clark on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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Robert Sherman, Secretary  
Board of Fire Commissioners