

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chairperson Bunko called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on April 16, 2015, to order at 6:16 p.m. Commissioners Bunko, Stanforth, and Longo were present. Also in attendance were Chief Clark and Asst. Chief Wisner. Chairperson Baker and Commissioner Kanute were absent.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Stanforth, to adjourn to Executive Session, excluding the public and the press with the exception of the Chief and Asst. Chief to conduct interviews for the position of fire inspector at 6:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Candidates were interviewed.

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Stanforth, to return to open session at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Bunko thanked all the candidates for their time and effort.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Stanforth, to offer Leonard Chozick the position of fire inspector. Motion carried unanimously.

Both Commissioner Longo and Commissioner Stanforth stated what a great job all the candidates did and thanked them for their time.

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Stanforth, to approve the minutes of March 19, 2015 meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Stanforth, seconded by Longo, to approve payment of bills for March 2015 in the amount of \$41,964.45. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

Memo from Chief Clark recommending a transfer request to the Vehicle Repair account for \$18,000.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- The demolition of the Ideal Forge site has started. Chief Clark has attended all the meetings on the operation. So far, the project has gone smoothly and they have not had to utilize the department.
- Research has been done to determine what type of mounts will be needed to install mobile data terminals in all cars and apparatus.
- A Volunteer Officers Meeting was held on Monday, April 13, 2015. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2015.

- The apparatus repair account has been depleted due to numerous large emergency repairs including:
 - L-1 needed a monitor screen \$3,000+
 - E-22 tires, s-cams and springs approx. \$11,000
 - L-2 outrigger repair \$3,000
 - E-21 tires \$2,000
 - B-2 tires \$1,000
- E-11 and R-1 are expected back in service by the end of next week.
- Eight members of the department will be attending National Fire Academy's Connecticut Officer's Weekend. Chief Clark and the other officers will be leaving tomorrow morning and returning Sunday night.
- Chief Clark reported on what a great job Community Service Director Janet Mellon did at the Mount Vernon Rd. fire last night. Director Mellon supplied clothing and lodging for the family along with emotional support. Chief Clark praised all the efforts Director Mellon does for the families in need and how great an asset she is to the Town of Southington.

Commissioner Stanforth asked if there was a point that the department did not have the equipment to respond. Chief Clark reported that there was a period of about two hours when both ladders were down and that they were fortunate that there were no calls at that time.

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

ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT:

Activities of the Southington Fire Department for the month of March 2015:

1. Fire Marshal's Inspections – 46
2. Reports to the State Fire Marshal – 180
3. Damage to property involved in fire - \$250,000
4. Damage to motor vehicles involved in fire - \$5,500
5. Other losses - \$48,000
6. Total - \$303,500
7. Total units responded were - 621

The following are fire incidents with significant damage:

- Flanders Rd. – Electrical fire with \$10,000 worth of damage
- Brookside Dr. – Shed fire with \$35,000 worth of damage
- Mount Vernon Rd. – garage fire with \$500,000+ worth of damage

Assistant Chief Wisner also reported the following projects that the Bureau has been working on:

- Crystal Bee's project on Spring St. continues to progress
- Cumberland Farms on West St.
- Multiple smaller plan reviews with revisions
- The Art Center is moving along with some issues. The committee has chosen not to include certain improvements to save money, which may be very costly in any future expansions.

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Stanforth, to accept the Assistant Chief's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Stanforth, to approve requesting a transfer of \$18,000 to the Vehicle Repair account. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Stanforth, seconded by Longo, to adjourn to Executive Session, excluding the public and the press with the exception of Chief Clark to discuss personnel and contractual matters at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action was taken.

Return to regular session

MOTION: by Stanforth, seconded by Longo, adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Wayne Stanforth, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners