

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson Baker called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on August 20, 2015, to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Baker, Bunko, Stanforth, Longo and Kanute were present. Also in attendance were Chief Clark and Assistant Chief Wisner.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was held in memory of the firefighters who have lost their lives out west and all the firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty.

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Bunko, to accept the minutes of June 18, 2015, regular meeting as circulated. Motion carried with three ayes and one abstention.

MOTION: by Longo, seconded by Kanute, to approve payment of bills for June 2015 in the amount of \$346,296.43. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Bunko, seconded by Longo, to approve payment of bills for July 2015 in the amount of \$197,530.57. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

Memo from Chief Clark recommending paying oral panelists a stipend of \$200.00 per day.

Memo from Chief Clark recommending the approval of FF Cory Brown, FF Benny Soto and FF Daniel Kisluk's one-year leave of absence requests.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Clark recommends that the October Board of Commissioners' meeting be moved to Company 3. The training room at Fire Headquarters will be occupied by a State of Connecticut class.
- Promotional testing will be held on September 15, 2015 and September 18, 2015.
- Chief Clark and four members of the Truck Committee will be going to Ohio on Monday, August 30, 2015 for the final inspection of the new engine. Delivery date is expected to be in late Sept or early October.
- Bids for a replacement generator at Fire Headquarters are being handled through the Engineering Department. The money is part of this year's CIP

budget. There are some addendums that Chief Clark would like added to the bids, to ensure that it includes all parts of the project.

- Chief Clark is researching costs for a replacement of Car 3. Prices for a 2016 Chevy Tahoe came in \$11,000 over budget. Estimates for a Ford Expedition have not been received.
- Advertising for entry level firefighter testing will be done in the next few months.
- Employee Appreciation Day was held on Friday, August 14, 2015 at the Calendar House.
- Chief Clark would like to thank Clerk/Typist II Lisa Pknosh for the outstanding job she has done while his executive assistant has been out.
- Chief Clark will be attending FRI Conference in Atlanta, Georgia August 24-30, 2015.
- The annual report was included in the commissioners' packets. Chief Clark asked the Board to review the report and to contact him if they would like any changes made before it is submitted.
- Chief Clark would like to donate our old air packs to smaller departments that have limited budgets.
- Chief Clark reported that the department has been very busy and all members have been working very hard.
- The new dispatching software, NexGen, is expected to go live as of August 31, 2015.
- The Water Department is planning to paint the Mill St. water tower that has the police and fire communication antennas attached to it.

Chairperson Baker asked that Chief Clark arrange a demonstration of the new air packs at the September meeting. Chief Clark reported that he would make those arrangements and that by that time the packs will be put in service.

MOTION: by Bunko, 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 June 2015:

1. Fire Marshal's Inspections – 79
2. Reports to the State Fire Marshal – 147
3. Damage to property involved in fire - \$40,000
4. Damage to motor vehicles involved in fire - \$7,750
5. Other losses - \$101,000
6. Total - \$148,750
7. Total units responded were - 633

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

1. Fire Marshal's Inspections – 43
8. Reports to the State Fire Marshal – 174
9. Damage to property involved in fire - \$50,000
10. Damage to motor vehicles involved in fire - \$8,400
11. Other losses - \$500,1250
12. Total - \$558,525
13. Total units responded were - 527

The following are fire incidents with significant damage:

- JFK Middle School – Construction trailer fire with \$130,000 worth of damage
- Sandra Ln. – Electrical fire with \$11,000 worth of damage
- DePaolo Dr. – Machine fire with \$550,000 worth of damage

Waterbury Fire Department's hazardous materials team was called for mutual aid at the DePaolo Dr. fire, due to chemicals stored on the site.

Assistant Chief Wisner also reported that the Bureau is not currently working on any large projects. The Bureau has been busy with school inspections. All schools are cleared to open on time. The middle school additions are close to completion.

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

MOTION: by Bunko, seconded by Kanute to add item 11.B. to the agenda as action on the one-year leave of absence requests by FF Cory Brown, FF Benny Soto and FF Daniel Kisluk. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Bunko, seconded by Kanute to add item 11.C. to the agenda as action on donating the used air packs. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Vice Chairperson Bunko thanked Company 2 for inviting the Board to their annual Old Timers Night. He and Commissioner Longo attended and had a very good time.

Commissioner Stanforth asked Assistant Chief Wisner on the status of the backlog of inspections. Assistant Chief Wisner reported that with the addition of an inspector and the changes in the codes, he is confident that they are on track.

Commissioner Stanforth asked about the dispatch change in policy noted in one of the morning briefing minutes. Chief Clark reported that the change would be better defined as a clarification for dispatch.

Commissioner Kanute asked about the status of the new phone system being installed at Fire Headquarters. Chief Clark reported that there has been action by the IT department for the installation but the exact date of install is unknown.

Chairperson Baker thanked all the members for all the civic time they donate to for the betterment of the town.

Chairperson Baker stated that the hiring of three of Southington's volunteer firefighters to outside department is a direct reflection on the training program. She wishes FF Kisluk, FF Brown and FF Macalizzi continued success.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Bunko, seconded by Kanute, to approve paying oral panelists a stipend of \$200.00 per day. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Kanute, seconded by Stanforth, to approve of FF Cory Brown, FF Benny Soto and FF Daniel Kisluk's one-year leave of absence requests. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Kanute, seconded by Stanforth, to approve donating the used air packs. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Bunko, seconded by Stanforth, to adjourn to Executive Session, excluding the public and the press with the exception of Chief Clark to discuss personnel and contractual matters at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action was taken.

Return to regular session

MOTION: by Stanforth, seconded by Kanute, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Stanforth, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners