

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson Bunko called the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on March 10, 2016, to order at 6:04 p.m. Commissioners Bunko, Stanforth, and Kanute were present. Chief Clark and Assistant Chief Wisner were also in attendance. Vice Chairperson Baker and Commissioner Robertson were absent.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

MOTION: by Kanute, seconded by Stanforth, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2016, regular meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Kanute, seconded by Stanforth, to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2016, special meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Stanforth, seconded by Kanute, to approve payment of bills for February 2016 in the amount of \$34,603.84. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

Memo from Chief Clark recommending the approval to extending FF Golec's funeral leave by one day.

A letter written by IAFF Local 2033 addressing manpower concerns.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- The entry-level firefighter testing has been completed. Eighteen applicants passed and a hiring list was generated that will be active for two years.
- Chief Clark presented the Fire Department's 2016-2017 budget request to the Board of Finance on February 24, 2016.
- The generator unit for Headquarters was damaged during shipping. The electrical contractor, Shea Electric, estimates that this will delay installation for at least two weeks.
- Chief Clark and Deputy Chief DiBattista attended a webinar hosted by the Board of Education on School Lockdowns last week. The webinar was a discussion on a lockdown that occurred in Fairfield and the problems that arose.
- The installation of the iPad mounts began today. Installation in six vehicles was completed today and next week the company will return for two days to finish the rest of the fleet.

- New radios were installed in dispatch today and a new paging frequency is expected to be installed in the near future.
- Nine officers from the department will be leaving tomorrow to take classes at the National Fire Academy in Emmetsburg, Maryland during Connecticut Fire Officer's Weekend. The nine officers comprise of Chief Clark, three volunteer officers, and five career officers.

MOTION: Kanute, 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 February 2016:

1. Fire Marshal's inspections – 48
2. CRRs - 3
3. Reports to the State Fire Marshal – 165
4. Damage to property involved in fire - \$80,000
5. Damage to motor vehicles involved in fire - \$0
6. Other losses - \$5,000
7. Total - \$85,000
8. Total units responded were - 512

Assistant Chief Wisner also reported:

- A garage fire on Loper St. that caused \$20,000 worth of damage
- A bathroom fire on Milldale Ave. that caused \$12,000 worth of damage

Assistant Chief Wisner reported on projects currently being worked on by the Fire Marshal's Office:

- 99 Executive Blvd. – Plans for four buildings
- Forgione Dr. – Plans for condos and single family homes
- Liberty St. – Plans for condos
- 200 Executive Blvd. – Renovations
- Center St. - Plans for a brewery

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

COMMISSIONS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Stanforth stated that he hopes the daytime manpower shortage can be addressed soon. He feels that firefighters are out saving other people's lives.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairperson Bunko asked Chief Clark for the status of the company bylaw revisions. Chief Clark reported that he is waiting for Company 2's bylaws to be submitted and once approved, use it as a template for the other companies.

Commissioner Kanute asked how long it would take to complete installation of the generator once the unit is delivered. Chief Clark reported that the electrical company has the site prepped and estimated about two to three days once the unit is here. Chief Clark also reported that the company would then begin to work on removing the old generator and underground diesel tank.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Kanute, seconded by Stanforth, to approve to extending FF Golec's funeral leave by one day. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Kanute, 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 6:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action was taken.

Returned to regular session at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.


Wayne Stanforth, Secretary *W.S.F.*
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