



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

May 8, 2008

Fire Headquarters

1485 Main Street

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ATTENDANCE

Commissioner's Ziegler, Stoddard & Jascowski

Chief Chris R. Schroeder-Excused

Asst. Chief Tom Lapierre

DC Tom Gill

DC Frank Papa-Excused

Fmr. Commissioner John Gubbins

Councilor Jay Bottalico

Captain Chris Ferri

Lt. Pedro Machado

Lt. Gary Rossignol

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Former Comm. John Gubbins asked if there was any more information on the resolution proposed to allow paid fighters to assist as volunteers in their local towns. Commissioner Ziegler explained that this issue will be addressed later in tonight's meeting.

He also asked about the pay-per-call program. Deputy Chief Lapierre explained the how the program will be administered.

IV. Communications

Communications were read and accepted.

V. LEDGER STATUS

Ledger Status was accepted as presented.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Pay-per-call is in the budget and we will be starting shortly. Finance needs to be contacted. The first reporting period will end in October and the payout in December.

Vendor has been given a May 19th date to produce working software otherwise funding may be pulled.

Rules & Regulations have been received and are being reviewed by the Captains. Once this is completed the Rules and Regulations will be go through a final review and be retyped and presented to the Commission for their acceptance.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Firefighter Bill has been passed and will be signed by the Governor in the near future. Commissioner Ziegler thanked Rep. Sandy Nafis, Rep. Tony Guererra and Senator Paul Doyle. Deputy Chief Gill suggested that we send a letter thanking Rep. Nafis for all her hard work and effort. The Chief will present Rep. Nafis at the Awards Night Dinner.

Bid Opening for Engine #3 was held and Pierce Manufacturing had the winning bid. Delivery is estimated January/February 2009. The Commission made the motion to accept Pierce's bid and prepare a purchase order for the new engine. Motion Passed.

Chief Officer's yearly reviews are coming up and this will be ongoing until July 1, 2008.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Commissioner Ziegler spoke with the Town Manager about the West Hill property and now that he has freed himself from the budget preparation he will give it his full attention.

Commissioner Stoddard commented on the excellent job that was done at the Kinnear Avenue fire. He acknowledged that there were some communications problems but over all it was a fine job even with some mistakes the outcome would have been the same.

IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

Commissioner Jascowski had received phone calls and from what he was told the comments were positive.

Commissioner Ziegler noted that the Kinnear Avenue fire was a difficult one due to wind conditions and the home's construction but he complimented the department on their performance.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

