



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Special Meeting

April 8, 2010

Fire Company #3

255 West Hill Road
Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ATTENDANCE

Commissioner's Seiler, Stoddard & Bogacz

Councilor Maureen Klett

Chief Chris Schroeder

Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre

Deputy Chief Tom Gill-excused

Deputy Chief Frank Papa

Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis

Fmr. Commissioner John Gubbins

Capt. John Montano

Capt. Ron Felton

Lt. Joe Lapierre

Dick Brown

Lt. Jeremy Almarode

Raymond Michaud

Amanda Felton

III. Public Participation

None

IV. Communications

Communications were accepted as read.

V. Ledger Status

The Commissioner's reviewed the Ledger Status Report and reported it on track for the year to date.

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

Tickets for the Co.#3 Pasta Dinner being held on April 17th at Newington High are available from all Co.#3 members. Sue has them also in the office.

Arrangements for Awards Night are progressing well and it promises to be a enjoyable evening. Class A Uniforms are the dress of the evening for members. Dancing will follow the awards ceremony.

A head count will be necessary for the weekend in Massapequa. Room reservations need to be made.

Commissioner Seiler is following up on the grant with both Rep. Nafis and Congressman Larsen.

Captain's project is moving along and will get together with Manchester to interface with the cad.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fmr. Commissioner John Gubbins asked if the current unemployment situation had had any impact on the availability of members responding during the day. Asst. Chief Lapierre stated it's had a positive effect. Engine #4 responds with a full crew, along with the other companies having more coverage available.

Lt. Nesklada asked there was an update on the Staff Truck and when it would Arrive. Asst. Chief Lapierre stated it was here and being readied for service. light and sirens needed to be installed. Once ready, the truck will be housed at Company #2.

Deputy Chief Papa commended all in the Department that were at the Glen Oaks fire and stated everyone did an excellent job. The fire was brought under control and contained preventing further property loss.

Lt. Jeremy Almarode informed the group that he had recently been ordained as a Baptist minister at a local church. He was requesting, for diversity's sake, he be considered for a Chaplin's position with the department.

Commission chairman Seiler introduced Council Liaison Maureen Klett.

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IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

Commissioner Stoddard offered his congratulations on a job well done at the Glen Oaks fire. He was not in the state at the time but the feedback he received was nothing but positive.

He was also very grateful for the response to his daughter's small incident.

Commissioner Bogacz apologized for the Company #3 officer's not present at tonight's meeting but three were at work and the fourth had a previous commitment. Refreshments were provided by the company.

Commissioner Seiler also spoke on the Glen Oaks fire. He stated in eight out of ten towns responding to a similar blaze there would have been considerably more damage and the potential for injuries. A terrific stop by the department.

Commissioner Bogacz reported that the Task Force arrived at Company#1 with full crews and responded to a couple of incidents. Asst. Chief Lapierre stated that our Task Force is one of the best in the state. The Middletown incident which was reported nationally, utilized our command post throughout the days and weeks following the incident.

Commissioner Seiler informed the group that the Kiwanis Flea Market will be opening for their spring season on April 25th, the fire cadets will be assisting with set-up and breakdown and a donation for the cadets will be made by Kiwanis.

The Commission went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Executive Session and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

**Submitted By: _____
Sue Reniewicz – Board Secretary**

