



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

February 11, 2010

Kalasky Room-Fire Headquarters

1485 Main Street

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 Dave Nagel

Chief Chris Schroeder

Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre-excused

Deputy Chief Tom Gill-excused

Deputy Chief Frank Papa

Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis-excused

Fmr. Comm. Kevin Ziegler

Capt. John Montano

Capt. Ron Felton-excused

Lt. Joe Lapierre

Dick Brown

Lt. Mike Iskra

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

The suggestion of moving the Board meetings to the different firehouses was accepted. This will be on a rotation basis. The March 11th meeting will be at Company #2. The April 8th meeting will be at Company #3 and the May 13th at Company #4.

The Budget was discussed and Chief Schroeder informed the Board that there had been a slight increase due to membership, training costs along with the year mandatory replacement of the current gear on hand. We have been recycling where applicable. We have also applied for grants to replace gear.

Deputy Chief Papa met with the new company Tiburon involved with the Captain's Fire Project. They have agreed to support our current Cad System. There is \$35,000 in Capital Improvement money that would be available for the creation of piece of software that would allow the Cad to talk to the computer.

Chief Mulhall will need to determine to stay with the current system or go to a new system called Nexgen. This will have to be determined before moving forward with the project.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chief Schroeder spoke on the recent fire on Francis Avenue. It was a difficult fire to fight due to the clutter. The performance by the companies who responded was good and Mutual Aid from Wethersfield and the Volunteer Ambulance who conducted rehab went well.

Engine #3 had a problem but it was a plug and battery problem. Once resolved it was put back on the line in full service.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councilor Nagel discussed the Cell Tower issue at Churchill Park that had been brought before the Council. He wanted to know if there was a communication problem in the south end of town or is this solely a Police Department issue. Deputy Chief Papa noted that communications in the south end of town, specifically behind Wal-Mart, is a problem. He explained that there is money in Capital Improvement that Public Safety has noted could be used for satellite To be put at the site of Cedarcrest Hospital. Once the money becomes available then a location would be found to eliminate the problem. Many locations have been discussed, no decisions have been made.

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IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

There was no other business to complete, the Commission went into Executive Session for personnel matters.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned after Executive Session b at 9:30pm.

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

