



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

June 12, 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 Stoddard & Jascowski

Chief Chris R. Schroeder

Asst. Chief Tom Lapierre-Excused

DC Tom Gill-Excused

DC Depamphilis-Excused

DC Frank Papa

Captain Joe Valvo

Fmr. Dep FM Bob Roy

Mike Fox

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None at this time.

IV. Communications

Communications were read and accepted.

V. LEDGER STATUS

Ledger Status was accepted as presented. Chief Schroeder explained that we were finishing the year with some emergency repairs and needed budget transfers. He noted that a \$10,000 donation was also available for use.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

In process of gathering statistics for the Pay-Per-Call program. The Rules and Regulations have been reviewed by the Chief with a few minor changes. A draft copy will be available for the Commissions review. The computer software is completed and now waiting for the install. There has been an extension of the grant.

The contract with Pierce has been signed for the manufacture of the new Engine #3. Delivery date will be in January of 2009.

The Commission will be getting together to discuss the upcoming chief's review.

Commissioner Stoddard remarked that Commissioner Ziegler hadn't gotten an update on the West Hill Property but he would be speaking with the Town Manager with reference to this issue.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The contract has been signed for the chimney work on Co.#2. The pump tests are moving along with a rescheduled date.

Commissioner Stoddard mentioned that Governor Rell was here on Monday, June 9th for the signing of the Firefighters Bill. The commissioner noted that even for a very hot day the event was well attended and many fire chiefs were in attendance and also a good showing of state and local legislators.

State Representative Sandy Nafis worked extremely hard to get this bill passed and she was recognized for her efforts along with many other who were co-sponsors of this legislation.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chief Schroeder reported the SOP/SOG's had been completed and commented the excellent job in revamping them by Deputy Chief Depamphilis. Chief Schroeder thanked the members of Company#1 for the beautiful landscaping they completed for the Memorial Day Parade and the whole department for their hard work and preparation for the Governor's visit.

Public Participation cont:

Chief Schroeder did express disappointment in the fact that the press chose to focus on the gas tax rather than the Firefighter legislation that was the first in the nation.

Bill Pollock thanked Bob Roy for the extensive time and effort he donated in the preparation of Truck#1.

IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

Commissioner Stoddard also expressed disappointment with the press coverage. Chief Schroeder wanted to remind everyone that out Rep. Nafis intervention and hard work the Firefighter's bill would not have become a reality.

Commissioner Stoddard suggested that we think about an event honoring Rep. Nafis for her dedication to the Newington Fire Department and the passage of this bill.

Chief Schroeder told the group the Capitol Region has a recognition event planned for the 27th of June in Cromwell.

Commissioner Stoddard mentioned the great job the department performed on the Sterling Drive call.

Commissioner Stoddard stated he feels the department is moving in a great direction and he really appreciates everything that's been done to move ahead.

Chief Schroeder told the group that earlier in the evening that one of the best things the department did today was to gather all four companies and their apparatus and families and go to Chief Kalasky's home and wish him a happy 80th birthday. "Duke" was so surprised and grateful for this unexpected show of respect. Ice Cream cake was served and a good time was had by all that participated, especially Chief Kalasky.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Submitted By: _____

