



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Special Meeting

September 10, 2009

Company #2 Firehouse

190 Church Street

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ATTENDANCE

Commissioner's Ziegler, Fox, Commissioner Stoddard-Excused

Chief Chris Schroeder

Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre

Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis-Excused

Deputy Chief Tom Gill-Excused

Deputy Chief Frank Papa-Excused

Brian Whalen

Lt. Joe Lapierre

Fmr. Comm. John Gubbins

Fmr. Comm. Bob Seiler

Lt. Mike Iskra

Chet Bogacz

Bill Pollock

Capt. Jeff. Trommer

Capt. Jeff Kobylarz

1st. Lt. Jack Nesklada

Capt. John Montano

Alan Bryant

Vin Jankowski

Ms. Cindy Callahan

Council Liaison(s): Tom Bowen & David Nagel

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fmr. Commissioner John Gubbins asked why for a period of time were we without an Assistant Chief. He felt that it was necessary to have an Assistant Chief to complete the Chain of Command. Chief Schroeder agreed that there was a period the Department was without an Assistant Chief but that is not the case currently. Commission Chairman Ziegler explained that the Chain of Command now includes an Assistant Chief, making the command structure complete.

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IV. Communications

Communications were accepted as read.

V. Ledger Status

The Ledger status was from 9/1/2009 due to the inability to print an updated status. Finance was running year-end and Munis was unavailable. Brief discussion on the breakdown of expenditures and motion was made to accept. Motion passed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Captain's Fire Project is moving along Deputy Chief Papa working closely with IT. Chief Schroeder reported that old phone lines have been removed due to lack of use and will result in considerable savings to the Town.

Pocket Wireless is now on the tower as a new vendor.

Pay-per-call running smoothly. All reports have been submitted to Milliman.

Department Picnic on September 26th at 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited. Current and Veteran members have been notified.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Blessing of the Badges ceremony will be held Saturday, October 3rd at 11:00am at St. Mary's Church with Father Dennis officiating. It will not be a Mass because other faiths through the Interfaith Fellowship will be invited to participate in the ceremony. Invitations to the Police Department and the Ambulance Corp. will also be sent. There will be a reception following the ceremony in the Kalasky Room at Fire Headquarters.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chief Schroeder reported on the Fill-the-Boot effort for Muscular Dystrophy held on Saturday September 5th at local food stores for approximately five hours. \$7,000 was collected during the boot drive and money from a previous Tip-A-Firefighter amounting to over \$1,000 resulted in a donation of \$8,000 + to the MDA effort.

The chief thanked everyone for their hard work and giving up a day during their Labor Day holiday.

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IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

Commissioner Fox reported on a resident of Newington who had requested a home safety inspection. Corey LaChance conducted the inspection and provided helpful tips to the members of the household on Fire Prevention. Commissioner Fox received a lengthy Email praising Corey and the Bureau for their time and effort. A check was received also for \$100 from this same family.

Commission Chairman Ziegler praised the members of the department who participated in the MDA fund raiser and thought the amount of money raised in the short period of time was amazing. Events like this go a long way to show the people of Newington how willing we are to contribute our time to the many community projects that help others.

The Commissioner also thanked the department for the food basket we sent after his recent accident. He also expressed his gratitude for all the support and offers of assistance from the members of the department.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Submitted By: _____
Sue Reniewicz – Board Secretary

