

WATERFORD BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

August 26, 2009

6:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Public Safety Complex, 204 Boston Post Road

Fire Commissioners present:

Robert Darrow
Donald Chapman, Sr.
Joseph Martin
Eric Munsell

Others present:

Chief Timothy Sullivan, Jordan
Chief Matthew Carson, Goshen
Chief Mark Schenking, Oswegatchie
Chief Timothy Hennessey, Cohanzie
Bruce Miller, Fire Administrator
Peter Schlink, Fire Marshal
Ron Fedor, Board of Finance
Diana Cramer, RTM – PP&S
Stephen Bellos, Communications Supervisor
Eric Pawlak, Jordan
Thomas Dembek, Goshen

Commissioner Darrow called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Chapman and unanimously agreed to accept the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Trucks and Equipment

1. Cohanzie – Rescue Truck (W-57)
Bids received and will be reviewed and a recommendation will be forwarded by the September meeting.
3. Fleet Utilization Study
The report is due to be released in September.
4. Large Diameter Hose
Motion made by Commissioner Munsell, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimously agreed to reject the only bid received due to lack of standardization.

B. Building Projects

1. Jordan – Building Project
Chief Sullivan reported that the project is approximately 95% complete.
2. Quaker Hill – Apparatus Bay Doors
Purchase Order request will be sent to the Purchasing Agent.
3. Quaker Hill – Building Siding
Project is complete.
4. Oswegatchie – Parking Lot
Project is advertised of Bids.
5. Coahanzie – Parking Lot
Project is advertised of Bids.
6. Cohanzie – Boiler Replacements
Project is advertised of Bids.
7. Safety Complex – Interior Painting
Working on schedule to proceed with Vendor.
8. Fire Station Alerting System
Steve Bellos reports that the system is installed and training has taken place. The system will be possibly going live on Monday 8/29/09. Chiefs were advised to forward any bills for work done in reference to this system to the Fire Administrator.

C. Communications Center

1. Advisory Committee
The EMAC Sub-committee is looking for more members during the new radio system going live in the fall. The OEM will be putting weather warning signs at all recreation fields throughout town. The new reverse call-out system is being supplied by the Everbridge Company.

D. Research and Development

1. Volunteer Tax Abatement
A workshop will be held on Thursday 9/3/09 at 7:00pm to review this policy.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Firefighting Gear – Vapor Barrier Testing
There was discussion on the upcoming requirement. This matter will be investigated and discussed at a future meeting for any budget implications.
- B. Rescue Tools – Replacement Request
There was discussion on the current use of stronger metals being utilized in the auto industry and how our current tools are inadequate. Motion made by Commissioner Munsell, seconded by Commissioner Chapman and unanimously agreed to request an additional appropriation for (3) replacement tools based on the research conducted by Chief Hennessey.
- C. Fire Commission - Meeting Times
Motion made by Commissioner Darrow, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimously agreed to change the meeting times to 7:00pm for the remainder of this year.
- D. Fire Commission - Elections
Motion made by Commissioner Darrow, seconded by Commissioner Chapman and unanimously agreed to appoint Eric Munsell as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the term ending 6/30/2010.

Motion made by Commissioner Darrow, seconded by Commissioner Chapman and unanimously agreed to appoint Richard Morgan as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the term ending 6/30/2010.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Darrow, seconded by Commissioner Chapman and unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Miller
Administrator of Fire Services

Note: These minutes are scheduled for approval at the next Board of Fire Commissioners meeting on September 23, 2009.