

WATERFORD BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

October 28, 2009

7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Public Safety Complex, 204 Boston Post Road

Fire Commissioners present:

Eric Munsell
Richard Morgan, Jr.
Donald Chapman, Sr.
Joseph Martin

Others present:

Chief Neil Wiseman, Goshen
Chief Mark Schenking, Oswegatchie
Chief Timothy Hennessey, Cohanzie
Bruce Miller, Fire Administrator
Ron Fedor, Board of Finance
Diana Cramer, RTM – PP&S
Mitchell Margolis, Oswegatchie
Thomas Dembek, Goshen

Commissioner Munsell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pam Walsh and Robert Walsh Jr. both of 50 Bloomingdale Road in Quaker Hill, read statements in reference to a personnel issue that has taken place within the Cohanzie Fire Company.

Motion made by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Morgan and unanimously agreed to accept the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2009.

Motion made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Chapman and unanimously agreed to accept the Special Monthly Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2009.

Motion made by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimously agreed to accept the Special Monthly Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2009 with the following corrections.

Motion made by Commissioner Darrow, seconded by Commissioner Chapman and unanimously agreed to authorize the Director of Finance to set up a liability account to resolve this matter with the understand from the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Cohanzie Fire Company that all funds will be reimbursed by June 30, 2010.

Motion made by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Chapman and unanimously agreed to accept the Special Monthly Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Trucks and Equipment

1. Cohanzie – Rescue Truck (W-57)
Recommendation to award bid to Ferrara Fire Apparatus will be on the next agenda of the Board of Selectmen.
2. Replacement Rescue Tools
Motion made by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to waive the bidding process based upon pricing is from a sole source provider of Halmatro rescue equipment. Vote passed unanimously with Commissioner Martin Abstaining.
3. Fleet Utilization Study
No Report has been received to date.
4. Vapor barrier Testing
Pricing is being obtained for budget process.

B. Building Projects

1. Jordan – Building Project
No Report.
2. Quaker Hill – Apparatus Bay Doors
Purchase Order issued.
3. Goshen – Insulation Project
Chief Wiseman submitted a letter and quote to have some piping insulated in a effort to save energy. Motion made by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Morgan and unanimously agreed to proceed with the project.
4. Oswegatchie – Parking Lot
Purchase Order issued.
5. Coahanzie – Parking Lot
Purchase Order issued.
6. Cohanzie – Boiler Replacements
Purchase Order issued.

7. Safety Complex – Interior Painting
Purchase Order issued.
8. Fire Station Alerting System
There was discussion on adding additional alert tones for EMS calls and general announcements.

C. Communications Center

1. Advisory Committee
Chief Hennessey reported that the CAD call types are being revised.

D. Research and Development

1. Volunteer Tax Abatement
Presentation to the Board of Finance should be next step in adoption,

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Charter Revision Commission
There will be a meeting for all volunteer firefighters on November 9, 2009.
- B. Large Diameter Hose Roller
Specifications will be forwarded to the purchase Agent as there were previously no bids on this unit.
- C. Board of Fire Commissioners
Chief Schenking thanked Joseph Martin for his dedicated service in serving on the Commission. Mitchell Margolis was introduced as the incoming Commissioner.
- D. Underground Storage Tanks
There was discussion on the requirements of the underground tanks being utilized at the fire stations. This matter will be researched and addressed through the CIP budget.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Chapman and unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:44 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 November 18, 2009.