Assistant Fire Chief Nick Verdicchio called the regular meeting of the Officers’ Council to order at 7:05 p.m.
A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. PUBLIC PORTION

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES at 7:05 p.m.

Captain Dave Van Wart made a motion to accept the Officers’ Council regular meeting minutes of January 11, 2011 at 7:05 p.m. 1st Lieutenant Chris Martin seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor the motion passed unanimously.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

E. REPORTS

1. Fire Chief – Vacant Position

2. Assistant Chief Paul Wilson – Not Present

3. Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hongo – Fire 1 started. Pretty good turn out. We got about 14 out of Shelton and the other 15 are out of towners. It’s a big group of 29. I will be sending out a schedule to the Company Captains on apparatus needs going forward. Hazmat is at the end of it. Everything is going smooth so far. I’m looking into some other pieces on the training side to see if there is anything we need to move forward with. SOP’s are on hold right now. I would like to get a couple of Officers or Members and do like we did back in the day with Tallberg and have a couple of different people involved in the committees and start putting together some SOP’s. If there is anybody interested in working on SOP’s, let me know and we will go from there.

The other thing is I talked to Lieutenant Mattioli and SOP’s should come up in standing report rather than having it under Old Business each month. It will always be something on the agenda to talk about going forward. This is just a suggestion. Under New Business, just make a motion that we add SOP’s underneath the standing reports category and every month there would be a status whether there is report given or not. It could be a whole separate thing of Committees. We will make F. Committees and G. Old Business and make the change under New Business. I’m going to the Commissioners meeting next, so if there is anything to bring to the Commissioners, let me know.
4. **Assistant Fire Chief Nick Verdicchio** – I sent out a few correspondences. The main thing, did everyone get the contact list? Is your information correct? Did you see any mistakes on there? I’m going to send it to Merle, the keeper of records and he will distribute it to the Secretary and the PD. I want to thank you guys. I requested last month about POI duties. You give your statement on scene and give me a phone call later on in the day and let me know you were contacted and what you said and that way if they call me up for a follow-up later on in the day, I will back up what you said. Thank you, you guys have been great with that.

5. **Assistant Chief Ed Tevolitz** – First, Engine 4 is in Stratford right now. They been having problems. One engine the transmission blew and the other is having problems with the brakes. The gear should be back on Thursday not sure of the time.

   Mutual Aid – the last fire we had on Bridgeport Avenue, we were quick to pull in Nichols. There are 4 companies in town. Let’s utilize what we have in town first before we go out of town for mutual aid if possible.

   Fire on Hiawatha we had a fire floor that was compromised. Officers were inside, look at how many people you got there. On radio, but I had about 6 officers up there. Floor was kind of weak. Just pull guys out if you don’t need them. It’s easier to say get out of there.

   SOP 201 responding to fires. We have been getting a couple of complaints about engines going too fast. A couple from other stations and one was from a resident. Tell your drivers to slow down. If they don’t slow down, find out who they are and handle it and take them off the city driver list. There are a lot of blind spots right now on corners. Roads are very narrow right now. Please, we don’t need any incidents. Just tell everyone to please slow down.

   Trumbulls been calling about the tankers. Can’t find contacts. Most hydrants are visible. If you call tankers, there is just one for the city. I already talked to a couple of officers about this. Had a meeting last week, Monroe and Trumbull understand. They just want to get water if they can.

   Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio just remembered a couple of things. He asked about blue lights. Have you guys been doing them? State needed them by the end of January.

   Assistant Chief Tim Hongo said one quick thing about Chromium is there is no heat in building. If you get a call to Chromium, have dispatch get a hold of Aquarion and shut off water to the building and have them make a notification to DEP. Make sure you write a report and get it to the Fire Marshall’s office.
It is 113 Canal Street. It’s not just a little leak, it was pouring out the first floor window. No one can get a hold of the owner of the building. The PD has done there part. It’s part of the clean up crew not the building owner. Make sure we fill out our paperwork and get it to his office. Give a follow-up call.

Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio – is everybody cruising along on their reserts? Been trying to play catch up. As requested, I received the Policy Book from the Board of Fire Commissioners and in the process of making one for all of us. Thanks to Commissioner Manion. Captain Constantino, I forwarded your letter as requested. Last couple of storms the city has done a much improved job taking care of us. I sent a request about the emergency striping. Looking into and will get the ball rolling on that. I also sent a letter to the board about our discussion on it and our recommendation for it. It’s a vital part of safety. We will find out what they say on that. Discussing other issues about repairs. See tape.

6. Fire Marshal James Tortora- Not Present

7. Assistant Chief Ted Pisciotta- Not Present

8. Superintendent of Apparatus James Brown- Not Present out on workers comp. Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio - Log hours for repairs. I’ve been working with Company 4 Commissioner on parts. If you get a receipt, hold onto receipts. Contact your commissioner to ok it. Don’t just send everybody down there.

9. Training Coordinator Ms. Jo Lynn Van Wart – I got word today that the 4 who took FF1 passed.

The following is the Shelton Fire Department training report for February 8, 2011.

Training:
- FF1 continues until May, with hazmat being available for those who are new
  AC Tim Hongo is Lead

Future Training:
- Scheduled Fire Service Instructor 1 April through June, all day Sundays
  o 4 spots available
  o Need a host company for May 22nd – conflict at Company#4
- Flashover class at Fairfield Fire School –March 27,2011
  o Sign-up is running slow – maximum in class is 16 need to know by the end of February, beginning of March any takers or I will cancel the class.
  Email me the names.
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- Technically do not have to be FF1, but you need to be competent in SCBA and have approved gear. Retakes are welcome.

- Citywide ice rescue class—March 6th, 0900-1300
  - Email was sent to all Officers and Instructors on 2/8/11
    Asking for experienced and get me some names.

- Boating license class – date to be determined.

Hopefully I will hear word tonight about the Drager level tech class that it will take place on February 26. We can have up to 12 people. If you want to send me more that is fine. Right now I have 6. I have 4 from Company 4 and 2 from Company 1. I haven’t heard from anyone else. I am encouraging all companies, if you completed Fire 2 and still have text books, please try to recycle with new people coming in. It saves on costs and it gives them an idea of what their Fire 1 class is going to be. Also, if you have juniors or brigators, the fire academy has a program that I have access to and also coming up in the summer is an introduction to the Fire Service. Anyone interested let me know.

Close under reports. Additions to the agenda.

2nd Lieutenant Dave Sekelsky made a motion to add to New Business: 91 Howe Avenue and Radio System. Captain Dave Van Wart seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor the motion passed unanimously.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Spec Purchase Committee – 2nd Lieutenant Chris Martin - I am waiting for an email. I will have something next month. I will put this under the Committee section next month.

2. Policy on new Fire Fighter Training -
   Captain Joe Constantino made a motion to table Policy on New Firefighter Training on the agenda for next month. 2nd Lieutenant Ryan Mattioli seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor the motion passed unanimously.

3. Discipline Policy –
   Captain Joe Constantino made a motion to table Discipline Policy on the agenda for next month. 1st Lieutenant Carlos Chang seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor the motion passed unanimously.

4. SOP’s - Chief Hongo touched on this in his report. I will move it to the Committee section next month.

5. Rt. 8 Cut-Through – I was going to work on this with 302. I would suggest we wait until the spring thaw. Take some steps to make it an official cut through for us.
Captain Dave Van Wart made a motion to remove Route 8 cut-through on the agenda. Captain Alan Ovesny seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor the motion passed unanimously.

6. Mode Button Policy –
1st Lieutenant Chris Martin made a motion to table Mode Button Policy on the agenda for next month. Captain Alan Ovesny seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor the motion passed unanimously.

7. Plowing – Can we get our own plow? That’s not a bad idea. I would like to see it on truck 40. Several discussing plowing (see tape). The last couple of storms, they did a better job.

8. Vehicle Striping – I touched on this in my report. The commissioners take this up tonight. I think it’s an important topic especially 1 and 3 on the highway.

9. Gloves – Commissioner Gary Fields is doing that. Hopefully he is getting gloves to people and companies. There is some stuff in the news about gloves and heat issues. I gave him information from company 1, 3 and 5. Timmy has it and he was supposed to give the information. Gary has everything. Probably in the next month will see them distributed.

10. City Computers – I got on the phone with Dan and he said to look in my back room and it was sitting there. He delivered them that day. Look at the computer downstairs. It freezes every 2 seconds. Laptop computers, the training coordinator is working on with him.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. 91 Howe Avenue – The Fire Marshall is not here. Is there any way to contact the Fire Marshall about the alarm at that place? Fill out the Fire Marshall referral form. This is just like the 580 Long Hill Avenue apartments. Nobody was in the apartment building to open the door. The guys were trying to get into the building and none of the tenants will open the door to let us get to the alarm panel. Send a Fire Marshall referral form. If no response, forward to your Assistant Chief. Don’t we have some sort of ordinance in this town? Give me the exact information and I can run a report on the state level of addresses for the past two years to see how many times you have gone to that address. Keep on for next month.

2. Radio System – What is the update on that? Assistant Chief Ed Tevolitz said there was a meeting last week he couldn’t attend because he was sick and Assistant Chief Wilson went. Health and Safety meeting. Chief Hurliman is
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taking the lead on this since we don’t have a Chief. Get out there and find
locations to move forward with radio system. EMS already did that. I don’t who
is a part of it. I think Tom Taylor was looking for information from Oliver Studies
when they did the research. They look at everything. I only got what Assistant
Chief Wilson told me. They are going to move forward with this. Hopefully they
get it done by next year. From what I hear of rumors, they want us out of it. They
are getting 3, 4 or 5 people telling them this is how it’s done. It’s going to be
Assistant Chief Wilson or me (Assistant Chief Tevolitz). Commissioner Kosowsky
said he gave it to Chief Jones at the time he resigned and no one knows what
happened to it. I can check my paperwork. A lot of stuff could be locked in the
Explorer sitting in the parking lot. I have a copy and can get it to him. Any of
those concerns, direct to Car 2 or 5. We have to up and running this time next
year. They are moving on it. We can’t wait for a referendum. Have to do it in 90
days. I think it should be two phases. Get it up and running.


H. REMARKS/COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL
Lieutenant Charles Ovesny nice job. You cast a positive light on yourself and your
company and the whole department.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Captain Joe Constantino made a motion to adjourn the Officers’ Council meeting
at 8:06 p.m. 2nd Lieutenant Ryan Mattioli seconded the motion. A voice vote was
taken; all were in favor the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk

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