

City of Shelton Fire Department
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 18, 2006

Commissioners Present

Robert J. Araujo, Chairman
David Sekelsky
Merle Chase
Justin Sabatino
Bruce Kosowsky

Also Present

Captain Tim Hongo
Captain John Sonsini
Captain Nick Verdicchio
Fran Jones, Training Coordinator

Chairman Araujo called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:35 P.M. All those present rose for the pledge of allegiance.

Public Participation

Fran Jones of 199 River Road, Shelton addressed the Board with an article he had read in the paper titled Shelton reconsiders building sale (470 Howe Avenue). Mr. Jones stated that at the end of the article it states that one of the Aldermen would like to hear from members of other City Boards and commissions about their opinion of what should be done with the property. Mr. Jones felt that this would be the perfect opportunity for the Board of Fire Commissioners to discuss having that building because of its history within the fire department for use for our department offices. As a resident and firefighter Mr. Jones wanted to just bring it to the Boards attention and left them with a copy of the article.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION made by Commissioner Sekelsky to accept the regular minutes of the June 20, 2006, Special Minutes of June 27, 2006 and Special Minutes of July 11, 2006 as printed and distributed. Seconded by Commissioner Chase and approved unanimously.

Communications

Chairman Araujo reviewed the following communications with the Board:

- Letter from Clayton Group re: Donation to Echo Hose Co.#1 & Huntington Co.#3
- Letter from West Haven Fire Golf Committee
- Letter from Mr. Woodstone
- Letter from Fran Jones
- Information Package from Fairfield Regional Fire School

Additions to the Agenda

MOTION made by Commissioner Sekelsky to add under Old Business Item #2 Policies and Item #3 Radio Systems, and to add under New Business Item #5 Fire Department Offices, #6 Fairfield Training and #7 Live Burn. Seconded by Commissioner Chase and approved unanimously.

Old Business

F1 – Vehicle Use Policy

Motion made by Commissioner Sekelsky that until further notice there shall be no non fire department personnel responding in any fire department vehicle in emergency response mode. Seconded by Commissioner Chase and approved unanimously.

F2 – Policies

MOTION made by Commissioner Sekelsky that both himself and Chairman Araujo put together some verbiage language in terms of making a policy up that would give the Chief operation of the fire scenes/fire department for the new Chiefs job and create a policy to that effect. Seconded by Commissioner Chase and approved unanimously.

F3 – Radio Systems

The second meeting in August will be dedicated to the radio systems (August 15th).

There was a discussion on how many portables will be needed for budgetary issues. It was decided that somewhere between 150-200 will be needed. There was also discussion on bay stations.

New Business

G1 – Truck 40

MOTION made by Commissioner Sabatino that we upgrade Truck 40's radio to a Kenwood with a repeater. Seconded by Commissioner Sekelsky and approved unanimously.

G2 – Stolen Portables

Commissioner Sabatino reported that there were three portables stolen last year that he reported that were never replaced, 2 high band, 1 low band.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sabatino that the Board replace the three stolen portables. Seconded by Commissioner Sekelsky and approved unanimously.

G3 – Recruitment

MOTION made by Commissioner Sabatino to have the four Company Captains set up a recruitment plan and bring it back to the Board for their first meeting in September. Seconded by Commissioner Chase and approved unanimously.

G4 – 2006-2007 Budget

Commissioner Kosowsky would like to have a list together by the second meeting in September or the first meeting in October from the four companies and go out to bid.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sabatino to have each company submit a list of items to Jack Brand for a total of no more than \$5000.00 to be reviewed at the Boards September Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Chase and approved unanimously.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sabatino that Jack Brand also submit to the Board a list of high rise equipment that we have not purchased so we can weigh the odds on whether we are going to buy it or not. Seconded by Commissioner Sekelsky with the addition that Jack needs to get the Board that information to them by the second meeting in August, and approved unanimously.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sekelsky to allow the purchase to fabricate and install a slide out tray for \$600.00 for Truck 55 and to fabricate and install mounts for hurst tools for Truck 55 at a cost of \$988.00. Seconded by Commissioners Sabatino and approved unanimously.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sekelsky that Commissioner Kosowsky use his discretion on the radio equipment and gets what he needs. (brackets, chargers, etc.) Seconded by Commissioner Sabatino and approved unanimously.

G5 – Fire Department Offices

MOTION made by Commissioner Sekelsky to send a letter to the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor asking what the availability is of the building located at 470 Howe Avenue and that the Board would be interested only if all the Fire Services could move in there so everyone is in one building. Seconded by Commissioner Chase and approved unanimously.

G6 – Fire School

Fran Jones spoke on the increase in price on the Fairfield Fire School going from \$150.00 on weekends to \$200.00. The biggest thing he wanted to bring to the Boards attention is that they are now requiring liability insurance.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sekelsky to have the Administrative Secretary and Fran Jones contact Rosemarie Garceau to see if this insurance is covered. Seconded by Commissioner Chase and approved unanimously.

G7 – Live Burn

MOTION made by Commissioner Sekelsky to get the process started and authorize Fran to get going on it. Seconded by Commissioner Chase and approved unanimously.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sekelsky to hire the same guys that came up last time from Bridgeport. Seconded by Commissioner Sabatino and approved unanimously.

Remarks/Comments for the Good of the Commission

Adjournment

MOTION made by Commissioner Sekelsky to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Chase and approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Michele Lewis