



CITY OF SHELTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

TRUCK REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009
ECHO HOSE HOOK & LADDER COMPANY 1
379 CORAM AVE
7:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio- Chairman

1st Lt. Dave Van Wart

2nd Lt. Matt Lawrence

Captain Tony DeSarli

1st Lt. Alan Ovesney

David Sekelsky

Don Zak

Tom Whalley

Craig Ferris

Chairman, Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio called the meeting to order at 7:40pm

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

C. PUBLIC PORTION

None.

D. MINUTES- Organizational Meeting July 21, 2009

1st Lt. Dave Van Wart moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2009. Captain Tony DeSarli seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting schedule

1st Lt. Dave Van Wart moved to approve the meeting dates as follows:

August 18, 2009- 7:30pm at Echo Hose

September 1, 2009- 7:30pm at Echo Hose

September 15, 2009- 7:30pm at Echo Hose

October 6, 2009- 7:30pm at Echo Hose

October 20, 2009- 7:30pm at Echo Hose

November 3, 2009- 7:30pm at Echo Hose

November 17, 2009- 7:30pm at Echo Hose

December 1, 2009- 7:30pm at Echo Hose

December 15, 2009 7:30pm at Echo Hose

Captain Tony DeSarli seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Truck Replacement

1st Lt. Dave Van Wart explained that they had some specs and they are also working on getting the figures for a new boat.

Dave Sekelsky told the committee that they are contemplating the tandem axle Heavy Rescue Truck.

Chairman Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio suggested having the specifications for both types of Rescue Trucks meaning tandem and single axles.

1st Lt. Dave Van Wart told the committee the reason why they didn't want the single axle was because you are limited on the rear axle to a certain weight limit. With having a tandem axle the company can grow into it.

Chairman Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio reminded the committee that there is a serious weight issue at this building.

1st Lt. Dave Van Wart said that we are already decided on what bay it's going in (where Ladder One is).

Chairman Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio said that you also have to be very careful with the drivers of this truck.

1st Lt. Dave Van Wart told the committee the drivers will be no different than the driver's that operate Ladder One.

Chairman Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio said everyone should understand what they need and just be realistic. At this time he passed out brochures.

Don Zak suggested staying with the single axle and attaching a bumper pull trailer on the back.

1st Lt. Dave Van Wart explained that this is a great idea and they have thought about this option before. There are a few disadvantages such as parking the trailer and teaching people to drive the large truck and trailer. Not everyone can drive a truck and maneuver a trailer at the same time.

Company 3 needs to address the issues with the building before they really can move forward. However, they do have the specifications that are about a year old and they will update it.

The Committee discussed all the equipment on the trucks and they agreed that when the trucks are ready to send all the equipment and have the company mount everything in.

The Committee talked about having different vendors come in. At the next meeting Mike Hanratty will come in. This way the committee can get an understanding of different the technology available and prices.

David Sekelsky made a motion to have Mike Hanratty come to the next Truck Replacement committee on August 18, 2009. 1st Lt. Dave Van Wart seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

Craig Ferris spoke on behalf for his company and explained that everything is up in the air now. They are looking for a 14' roof ladder on the aerial piece. The aerial piece will be an extra on the truck. They are also looking into hoses for the truck.

Chairman Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio reminded the committee that the Chief requested everyone to factor in that the cabs should hold a minimum of six men. The more people on the truck can only be a advantage.

Captain Tony De Sarli and 1st Lt. Alan Ovesney reported that the boat has a hole in it. They are still looking into the Quint and they will report more for the next meeting.

Chairman Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio explained everyone has to have everything together for the September 1, 2009 meeting. A tentative proposal will be done for the next meeting so we can edit it and send it back for the Board of Fire Commissioner's approval.

G. ADJOURNMENT

2nd Lt. Matt Lawrence moved to adjourn the meeting of the Truck Replacement Committee. 1st Lt. Alan Ovesney seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken; all were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Anglace