



*CITY OF SHELTON
Truck Replacement Committee
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 1, 2009 7:30 P.M.
Echo Hose Fire Company # 1*

CALL TO ORDER

Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio, Chairman
2nd Lieutenant Matt Lawrence
Captain Anthony DeSarli
1st Lieutenant Alan Ovesney
David Sekelsky

Don Zak

Tom Whalley

GUEST

Chief, Francis Jones

ALSO PRESENT

Melissa Anglace, Clerk

Vice Chairman Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio called the Regular Meeting of the Shelton Truck Replacement Committee to order at 7:35 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. PUBLIC PORTION

None.

C. Approval of Minutes – Regular meeting on August 18, 2009

Captain Anthony DeSarli motioned to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2009 regular meeting. 2nd Lieutenant Matt Lawrence seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Truck Replacement

Chairman Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio wanted to clarify the principle of the Truck Replacement Committee, which was to bring the four companies together and see what trucks were in need of replacement. Then structure a replacement plan including but not limited to; the trucks that needed to be replaced and what they might be replaced with. We all recognize that this replacement plan would take place over the course of a few years furthermore it's not our intention to replace all the company's trucks this year.

Chief Fran Jones was invited as a guest to speak to the committee.

Chief Fran Jones said, for the past few months we have been in overdrive and we are trying to shift forward. The Fire Department lacks a plan for items that are in desperate need of replacement.

The Chief stated, unfortunately we did miss the deadline to situate any apparatus on the fall referendum. The deadline was September 18, 2009 nonetheless; we still need to develop a plan for the future.

The Chief commented as the committee designs a plan keep in mind certain apparatuses will not fit into some of the current fire houses. Currently there are four to five acres already set aside to replace station one. We should set a goal to obtain at least one new vehicle in 2010.

The Chief did discuss some ways to get funding and he also added that he is encouraging a spring referendum. The Board of Fire Commissioners has approved the Capital Improvement Plan. The first piece of apparatus scheduled for replacement on the Capital Improvement Plan is squad 5. The Chief said it's entirely up to the committee how they go about it but he would pursue replacing squad 5 for that first piece of apparatus. Whatever the plan is we all need to be in agreement with it.

Chief Fran Jones stated the biggest thing that I need from this committee is a realistic and fact based plan that can be presented to the Board of Alderman. We will make this happen as long as we have a plan and we are unified.

The committee discussed a new schedule of meetings and decided to wait until the next meeting to finalize it.

Don Zak said, we are heading in the right direction with bulk purchases over the years. With the upgrading of the Fire Houses (station one and station three) will there be any grant money available?

Chief Jones explained that we did try for the grant unfortunately; we ran out of time.

Don Zak questioned is there a different grant available that can be completed in the time frame for next year?

Chief Jones answered there aren't any reconstruction grants at this time.

E. NEW BUSINESS

The committee discussed how the specs would modify if some of the Fire Stations were renovated.

Don Zak stated that the biggest concern with Huntington Fire Station is the building. If there was a clear-cut plan for some renovations to the building than the existing spec will have to be modified.

The committee discussed Echo Hose Fire Company spec and decided that there would be no modification to the apparatus even if they were to relocate into a new building.

The committee discussed the arrangement in which trucks would be replaced. This plan would include the replacement of the trucks over the next twenty years.

Chairman Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio suggested that the Strategic Planning Committee be notified since there building renovations would have an effect on the Truck Replacement Committee's plans.

Chairman, Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio suggested to the committee that they follow their original motion and concentrate on replacing two trucks a year. This way the immediate needs are covered. This doesn't include the boats furthermore we need to be realistic when we consider the boats and can we justify spending the money.

F. ADJOURNMENT

David Sekelsky motioned to adjourn. 2nd Lieutenant Matt Lawrence seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Anglace