

CITY OF SHELTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 5, 2018
City Hall
Room 104
7:00 PM

Commissioners Present:

Michael Maglione, Commissioner, Chairman
Ben McGorty, Vice Chairman, Huntington, Company 3
Al Pereira, Pine Rock, Company 4
Michael Ullrich, Echo Hose, Company 1

Also Present:

Fire Chief Francis Jones
Donald Zak

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE PRESENT

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2018
2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 16, 2018

MOTION made by Commissioner Ullrich to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2018 and the Special minutes of the April 16, 2018 meetings, Seconded by Commissioner McGorty.

A voice vote was taken; Motion passed unanimously.

E. COMMUNICATIONS NONE

F. REPORTS

1. Fire Chief Francis Jones : **accepted, on file**
2. Fire Marshal James Tortora : **accepted, on file**
3. Commissioner Maglione, Chairman **NONE**
4. Commissioner McGorty, Vice Chairman, Company 3, Huntington **NONE**
5. Commissioner Ullrich, Company 1, Echo Hose **NONE**
6. Commissioner Pereira, Company 4, Pine Rock **NONE**
7. Commissioner Desarli, Company 5, White Hills **NONE**

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Echo Hose Fire Station - Up Date

Chief Jones met with the Mayor, they are going to move ahead with the engineering suggestions made by Szeker Engineering. The Commissioners discussed their concerns/recommendations for the improvements being made. Commissioner McGorty stated that as the building is slated for demolition when the block is redeveloped, and a new fire house is currently in the works, it doesn't make sense to throw good money after bad. He would rather find a temporary location for the apparatus until the new building is completed. Spending \$250,000 on a temporary repair of the building is a waste of the taxpayers money.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pre-Fire Planner Interview and Appointment

The Commissioners reviewed the application from Donald Zak and did a brief interview.

MOTION to appoint Donald Zak to the position of Pre-Fire Planner by Commissioner McGorty, Second by Commissioner Ullrich.
A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously

Chief Jones stated he believes that Donald Zak is a great addition to the position given his experience and professionalism. All agreed.

2. Fire Department Background Checks – Discussion

The Commissioners and Chief Jones discussed going to a standard application. All Companies using the same background check procedure was also discussed, as well as Drug screening for new candidates.

MOTION made by Commissioner McGorty to allow Chairman Maglione and Chief Jones the ability to draft a policy re: standardizing background check procedures for review by the Commissioners, who will then present the policy to the Captains before approval. Seconded by Commissioner Pereira.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously

I. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM by Commissioner Ullrich. Second by Commissioner McGorty.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Minopoli
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