



CITY OF SHELTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Fire Commissioners
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2020
Shelton City Hall
Room 104
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present

Michael Maglione, Chairman
Ben McGorty, Huntington, Vice Chairman, Company 3
Charles Casey, Echo Hose, Company 1
Al Pereira, Pine Rock, Company 4
Bruce Kosowsky, White Hills, Company 5

Also Present:

Fire Chief Francis Jones
Captain John Scollin, Echo Hose, Company 1
Lieutenant Mike Pellegrino, Echo Hose, Company 1
Members of Echo Hose Company 1

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Captain John Scollin spoke concerning two issue on the agenda; A request by Echo Hose, Company 1 to purchase a "fly car" (staff vehicle) and the issue of response obstructions caused by parking across from the firehouse.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner McGorty to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Periera..

A voice vote was taken; Motion passed unanimously.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Officers Council regarding disapproval of apparatus committee as approved by the Fire Commissioners at their December meeting.
2. Officers Council requesting a policy regarding Shelton Fire Department physicals specifically for members who have not completed their physicals. Such policy should contain notification, time frame, and status of member.
3. White Hills, Company 5 appointment of Patrick Buckley to the position of custodian.

F. REPORTS

1. Fire Chief Fran Jones - On File
Motion made by Commissioner Pereira to accept the Fire Chief's report: seconded by Commissioner McGorty.

A voice vote was taken; Motion passed unanimously.

2. Fire Marshal James Tortora - On File
3. Commissioner Maglione, Chairman - No Report
4. Commissioner McGorty, Vice Chairman, Huntington Company 3
5. Commissioner Ullrich, Echo Hose, Company 1.
6. Commissioner Pereira, Pine Rock, Company 4
7. Commissioner DeSarli, White Hills, Company 5

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Posting for Training Director and Recruitment and Retention Officer is awaiting approval of Administrative Assistant.
2. Echo Hose fire station - Funds approved by aldermen, boiler has been ordered. Floor sealing status unknown.
3. Tax Abatement for members - Fire Chief Jones spoke to the issue. Research is being conducted. A final report is due at the April Fire Commission meeting. It will stay on the agenda for updates and any actions the Commission must take.
4. Apparatus Committee - The Officers Council sent a letter to the Commission disagreeing with the makeup of the committee as regards specialized apparatus. The Council had no issue with the committee as regards engines. Commissioners Casey supported the Council's position and Captain Scollin spoke against the committee as formed.

Motion made by Commissioner Casey to amend the committee to follow Officer Council's recommendation; after 3 requests the was no second and the motion died.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. December 2019 Financial Report - Report reviewed by members of the Commission
2. Echo Hose Response Obstruction - The Commission was presented with several documents and videos regarding the problem. The Commission decided to do the following:
 1. The Chairman will bring the documents and videos to the Police Department in order to obtain their views on the issue.
 2. The Chairmen with the Fire Chief will set up a meeting with all parties to find a solution to the issue.

Motion by Commissioner McGorty to support Echo Hose, Company 1 in their request for an police investigation of the response obstruction; seconded by Commissioner Pereira.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

3. Company Fire Police - Echo Hose, Company 1, Pine Rock, Company 4 and White Hills , Company 5 have submitted names. Huntington, Company 3 has not.
4. Marine 1 Report - Apparatus committee with the addition of Commissioner Pereira will oversee the rebuild project.
5. Echo Hose, Company 1 purchase of "fly car" (SUV) - Chairman and Fire Chief will clear purchase with Mayor and determine what process must be followed.
6. Communications Equipment - No action taken.
7. Committee Assignments
 - Buildings - Commissioner Casey
 - Apparatus - Commissioner McGorty
 - Custodial - Commissioner Pereira
 - Communications - Commissioner Kosowsky
8. Election of Vice Chairman

Motion made by Commissioner Pereira to elect Commissioner McGorty Vice Chairman; seconded by Commissioner Kosowsky.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

9. White Hills custodian appointment

Motion made by Commissioner Casey to appoint Patrick Buckley to the position of custodian at White Hills, Company 5; seconded by Commissioner Kosowsky.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

11. Ride Along Policy - Waiting on response from Corporation Counsel.

J, EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

K. FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICIES

L. ADJOURMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Pereira to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Kosowsky.

A voice vote was taken; Motion passed unanimously. 8:40 PM