



CITY OF SHELTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS' COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
7:00 P.M. Pine Rock Park Co.4
722 Long Hill Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Francis Jones
Deputy Chief Paul Wilson
Assistant Chief Joe Constantino- Not Present
Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio
Assistant Chief Shaun Wheeler
Assistant Chief Mike Plavcan
Fire Marshal James Tortora – Not Present

ALSO, PRESENT

1st Lieutenant Pellegrino
2nd Lieutenant Mayer
1st Lieutenant Mattioli
2nd Lieutenant Goldin
1st Lieutenant Motasky
2nd Lieutenant Martin
Captain Finta
2nd Lieutenant Wheeler

Assistant Chief Verdicchio called the regular meeting of the Officers' Council to order at 19:00.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance

B. PUBLIC PORTION- None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by A/C Plavcan, 2nd by D/C Wilson to accept minutes from the December 10, 2019 meeting. Motion passed 13-0.

D.COMMUNICATIONS – None

E. REPORTS

Chief Francis Jones – Reported that in conjunction with the Board of Fire Commissioners, an Apparatus Replacement Committee and a Marine Rehab Committee has been formed to spec out new apparatus and rebuild Marine 1. Still waiting on the insurance company before we can start on M1. Also stated that we are looking into software to streamline apparatus repair requests along with reporting and inventory.

Deputy Chief Paul Wilson- Reported that new traffic vests have been distributed to each company. Also reminded officers to get a list of their members who need accountability tags.

Assistant Chief Constantino – Not Present

Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio – Sent Firewatch/Private Duty policy out to officers so any member who does them will know what is expected and what the procedure is. E23 has been decommissioned, radios were removed and will be used as needed for spares and replacement of broken ones.

Assistant Chief Shaun Wheeler– I-2`'s have begun, all fit testing will be done at Co.3. Have acquired two houses in downtown area for training, should be available for a couple of months. Shelton will be hosting a Fire Service Instructor class in March. Would like to see better attendance going forward.

Assistant Chief Mike Plavcan – No report.

Fire Marshal James Tortora– Not Present

F. Committees

1. **Spec Purchase** – Gear spec complete, sent to Chief to go out to bid. Will start looking into our inventory of airbags and form a plan for replacement.
2. **Dispatching** – Chief has a meeting on Friday to discuss various problems and the plan for improvement moving forward.
3. **Safety-** D/C Wilson looking for one representative from each company to be on committee.

Motion by Lt. Motasky, second by Lt. Goldin to add under New Business, Tax Abatement. Motion passed 13-0.

G. OLD BUSINES

1. Helmets

Motion by Lt. Goldin, second by Lt. Motasky, to remove from agenda. Motion passed 13-0.

2. Apparatus- Committees have been formed and meeting dates have been sent to members. Reminded Council they are rehabbing M1, not replacing.

3. FD Physical- Letter was sent to BOFC, they will be working on the policy. D/C Wilson stated that Griffin will work with schedule for members who need to get physicals outside of regular office hours.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman- The Council voted to re appoint A/C Verdicchio as Chairman, and Lt. Pellegrino as Vice Chairman. Both positions were unopposed.

2. Tax Abatement- Lt. Motasky stated that he is working on a tax abatement proposal to go along with our current LOSAP program. Still gathering information, but will forward to the Companies for discussion and feedback. General discussion on topic followed.

I. REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

D/C Wilson reminded the Officers that all the Chiefs have been assigned tasks within the SFD, if you have a problem or question about something, you can go to that Chief. Everything does not have to go directly to Chief Jones.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Lt. Mattioli made a motion to adjourn at 21:00, 2nd by Lt. Pellegrino. Motion passed 13-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A/C Nick Verdicchio

Chairman

Officers Council

No tape available