



CITY OF SHELTON  
FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS' COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, February 11, 2020  
7:00 P.M. White Hills Co. 5  
2 School St.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ALSO, PRESENT**

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Pellegrino  
Captain Pane  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Mattioli  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Goldin  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Motasky  
Captain Finta  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Tatun  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Captain Finta, 2nd by Captain Pane to accept minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting. Motion passed 11-0.**

**D.COMMUNICATIONS** – Chairman Verdicchio read a letter to the Council from the Charter Revision Committee regarding submissions of suggestions for the Committee to take into consideration.

## **E. REPORTS**

**Chief Francis Jones** – Not Present

**Deputy Chief Paul Wilson-** Reported that he has a meeting Thursday to discuss some different dispatch options.

**Assistant Chief Constantino** – Not Present

**Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio** – E23 has been decommissioned, radios were removed and reprogrammed. Two portables will be issued to the FAM`s, one portable will be assigned to the Explorer that is stationed at Co. 3, and the rest will be used as spares or replacements. One Tri band mobile radio was ordered to replace the three radios that were damaged on M1. Received 10 new pagers that will soon be ready for distribution. Still in process of applying for Communication grant, Chief Jones has a meeting with the grant writer on Feb. 18.

**Assistant Chief Shaun Wheeler**– I-2`s have begun, all fit testing will be done at Co.3. Updated completion list has been given to each Company. Two additional dates have been added for the fit test, February 13 and 23. Have acquired two houses in downtown area for training, plan on bringing in outside vendor to supply specialized training. Plan on running citywide RIT and Rope training classes.

**Assistant Chief Mike Plavcan** – Not Present

**Fire Marshal James Tortora**– Not Present

## **F. Committees**

1. **Spec Purchase** – Chairman Verdicchio and D/C Wilson met with Commissioner Kosowsky to fine tune gear spec before sending out. Should be ready shortly. Will start looking into our inventory of airbags and form a plan for replacement, plan to bring in vendor to give assessment of our current inventory. Looking to update and standardize the high-rise packs. Each Company to do an inventory of what they have so we can see what we need going forward.

2. **Dispatching** – Nothing to report.
3. **Safety-** D/C Wilson has one representative from each company on the committee. Reported on the progress of the gym that is being put together in the basement of Co. 1. Will be for the use of SFD members only, and he is working with the Officers of Co. 1 to establish some guidelines for use.

**Motion by Lt. Motasky, second by Lt. Mattioli to add under New Business, Sexual Harassment. Motion passed 11-0.**

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Apparatus-** Committees have been formed and meeting dates have been sent to members. Committee has started to contact different vendors.
2. **FD Physical-** D/C Wilson met with Commissioner Maglione. The BOFC will be adding a 90-day window into the current policy regarding status change of members in violation of their physical date. D/C Wilson also stated that any member who goes to their private Doctor for their physical will have to have an additional form filled out to be returned to the Keeper of Records. Forms have been sent to the Officers and will also be available on the Buffalo App.
3. **Tax Abatement-** Lt. Motasky is still compiling data, discussed different options with Chief Jones. General discussion followed. Will report on it next month.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Sexual Harassment-** Lt. Motasky advised the Council of free on line training on sexual harassment. Wanted the opinion of the council on the subject. General discussion followed.

**Motion by Lt. Mattioli, second by Lt. Motasky to have D/C Wilson and A/C Wheeler put together a training course for the Officers and members of the Department. Motion passed 11-0.**

## **I. REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL**

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Lt. Mattioli made a motion to adjourn at 20:30, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lt. Tatun. Motion passed 11-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

*A/C Nick Verdicchio*  
*Chairman*  
Officers Council

\*No tape available\*