



CITY OF SHELTON  
FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS' COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, June 9, 2020  
7:00 P.M. White Hills Co. 5  
2 School St.

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chief Francis Jones*  
*Deputy Chief Paul Wilson- Not Present*  
*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**

Captain Scollin  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Pellegrino  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Mattioli  
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 Lt. Mattioli, 2nd by Lt. Motasky to accept minutes from the March 10, 2020 meeting. Motion passed 10-0.**

## **D.COMMUNICATIONS – None**

## **E. REPORTS**

**Chief Francis Jones** – Thanked the Department for their continued service throughout this pandemic. Reported that the Department currently has zero positive Covid cases, but reminded Officers that members are still welcome to get tested by following the Department procedures. Stated that all though City Hall is beginning to reopen, we have reached the end of the budget year. Also stated that as of now apparatus purchase will not make this year`s referendum.

**Deputy Chief Paul Wilson-** Not present, submitted report via e-mail. Remind members while responding to maintain social distancing, and to utilize masks that are on apparatus.

- Less than ten members took part in the free Covid testing, all testing negative.
- Members can still schedule their physicals, but fit testing is on hold.
- Reminded Officers that all new members must take full Haz Mat and Blood Borne class, not the on line refresher.

**Assistant Chief Constantino** – Not Present

**Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio** – Working with Norcom to rectify problem with White Hills site. Phone line needs to be replaced by Frontier, who has yet scheduled the repair. Asked Chief Jones to get involved to see if we can speed up the process.

Reported that the application for the Communication grant was submitted on time, even though deadline was extended due to Covid. Not sure when we will hear anything on it.

**Assistant Chief Shaun Wheeler**– I2`s are officially closed. Updated I2 list distributed to each Company.

**Assistant Chief Mike Plavcan** – Not Present

**Fire Marshal James Tortora**– Not Present

## **F. Committees**

1. **Spec Purchase** – Chairman Verdicchio met with Commissioner Kosowsky to fine tune gear spec, and sent it to Chief Jones to go out to bid. No vendor has been awarded the bid at this time.
2. **Dispatching** – Chief Jones stated that things have been relatively good, not much to report. A/C Verdicchio stated that Spotted Dog has been sold to

Emergency Reporting. Changes we have suggested are starting to appear, and system seems to be working well.

3. **Safety-** Nothing to report, no meetings due to Covid.

**Motion by Lt. Mattioli, second by Lt. Motasky, to add under New Business, #2 Blood Borne/HazMat, #3 SCBA Masks. Motion passed 10-0.**

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Apparatus-** Chief Jones stated that we missed the deadline to place the purchase on referendum. Urged the Apparatus Committee to keep working on specs so they are ready to go when needed.
2. **Tax Abatement-** Nothing to report.
3. **Sexual Harassment-** Nothing to report.

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Operating Procedures-** Chief Jones stated that we must follow state guidelines. Continue as we have, using best practices. Sick members should keep their distance from the Fire Department and notify their Captains, who in turn will notify the D/C or Chief. Important to document all calls in case we have to do tracing. Keep firehouses and equipment clean. Will have to perform fit testing on the N95 masks. Training is encouraged, limit the size of groups and wear face coverings when possible.

2. **Blood Borne and HazMat-** New members must do full training. The on line recert is for members who already have the initial training.

3. **SCBA Masks-** Lt. Motasky would like to see every member get their own personal mask. Presently, Officers and members that wear prescription glasses have their own. In light of the current pandemic, this would insure against cross contamination. Chief Jones stated that we are working to get to that point, but unfortunately, we have a way to go before we get there. Reminded the Council of the importance of regular cleaning and up keep of the units.

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

Lt. Motasky reported that the training prop is available for use at Co. 4. Contact A/C Wheeler, who will work with Captain Minardo, to schedule use.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Lt. Mattioli made a motion to adjourn at 20:30, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Captain Finta. Motion passed 10-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

*A/C Nick Verdicchio*

*Chairman*

Officers Council

\*No tape available\*