



REVISED
CITY OF SHELTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS' COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 12, 2009 7:00 P.M.
Pine Rock Fire Company # 4

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Francis Jones
Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio, Vice Chairman
Captain Steve Hoffman
1st Lieutenant Dave VanWart
Captain Michael Pane
2nd Lieutenant Matt Lawrence
Captain Justin Sabatino
1st Lieutenant Joe Martus- (arrived at 7:23p.m.)
2nd Lieutenant Carlos Chang
Captain Anthony DeSarli
2nd Lieutenant Michael Alterio
Assistant Chief Ed Tevolitz- (arrived at 7:30p.m.)
Assistant Chief Tim Hongo

Also Present

Melissa Anglace, Clerk

Vice Chairman Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio called the Regular Meeting of the Shelton Fire Department Officer's Council to order at 7:03 P.M.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Approval of Minutes – Regular meeting on April 14, 2009

Assistant Chief Tim Hongo motioned to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 regular meeting. Captain Steve Hoffman seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Chairman, Assistant Chief Nick Verdicchio reported only one piece of communications that being the Awards Banquet on May 19, 2009.

D. REPORTS

Chief Francis Jones- Chief Francis Jones reported to the Council that it has been a very busy month. The end of budget year is approaching and a letter was written to the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Mayor for the \$27,000 purchase the new radio system. Northeastern was authorized to acquire six new frequencies for the Shelton Fire Department. This new radio system will be light-years ahead of where we currently are now. The new pagers will work much better once on the new frequency. Part of the \$27,000 will also include a new Base Remote Station for Companies 1 and 3.

The antenna at Station 5 has been having issues and therefore, a purchase order has been secured and a technician should be replacing this within the next few weeks.

The trial period for the text messaging is coming to an end. The company gave a proposal and now the contract is in re-negotiations.

On Thursday, the Board of Aldermen are meeting about tanker 59 to release the funds to have the truck repaired.

A purchase order was put in for fire gloves, helmets and hoods. Then we are going to ask for forty full sets of gear.

The Shelton Fire Hydrants were all e-mailed out. Hopefully in the near future we will have Fire Hydrant coordinates. All companies are getting fax machines when dispatch transmits the call they will hit print screen and the fax goes through to the appropriate department.

Assistant Chief Michael Ullrich- None.

Assistant Chief Daryl Osiecki- None.

Assistant Fire Chief Nick Verdicchio- No report.

Assistant Fire Chief Ed Tevolitz- Held a discussion about the boat.

Assistant Fire Chief Paul Wilson- None

Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hongo- Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hongo explained that at the Awards Banquet only fifteen minutes will be spent on the past Chief. The Accountability tags are moving forward any new guys please send all the information to Assistant Fire

Chief Tim Hongo and a copy to Jack. Laptops are on the way and tuff books are not being purchased at this time.

Fire Marshal James Tortora- Not present

Assistant Chief Ted Pisciotta- Not present

Superintendent of Apparatus James Brown- Not present.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tax Incentive Program

Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hongo motioned to table the item. Assistant Fire Edward Tevolitz seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

2. Mutual Aid

Fire Chief Francis Jones reported that this is still a work in progress and they are working on a way to bring Derby in.

3. SCBA

Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hongo explained to the Council after the last meeting the pack had to go back. However, arrangements are being made for another pack to come in. Also another vendor is going to send a pack for everyone try out.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Strategic Planning Committee

Chief Jones presented to the Council to form a committee made up of sixteen members from external partners that have a vested interest in the department to share their thoughts and ideas. A senior member of the department and a new member of the department will be present as well. The Boards of Fire Commissioner have been approached for a clerk for the committee.

2. Safety Committee

Chief Jones explained that this is still a work in progress and everything hinges on the Budget. A Job Description is already written up for a Deputy Chief and a copy can be found in Human Resources office.

3. Grants and Funding

Assistant Chief Wilson is working with Charlene at City Hall for a DAS number in order to apply for grants in which the Shelton Fire Department may qualify.

4. 470 Howe Ave Building

This is still in the planning phase the Shelton Historical Society supports keeping the building.

5. Awards Program

Captain Justin Sabatino made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. 1st Lieutenant Dave VanWart seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

5. Dispatching Updates

Captain Justin Sabatino made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. 2nd Lieutenant Carlos Chang seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

6. Homeland Security- Executive Session

1st Lieutenant Joe Martus made a motion to go into executive session at 7:49p.m. Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hongo seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Chief Edward Tevoltiz made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:00p.m. 1st Lieutenant Joe Martus seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

G. REMARKS

Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hongo told the Council that the mock crash is coming up and cars 1 and 5 are going to be there. Anyone helping out with this you might be at EMS by 8:30a.m.

Chief Jones the Memorial Day parade has changed routes.

Captain Justin Sabatino thanked Echo Hose for the Tower and save the date June 7th they are having a car over an embankment.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Assistant Fire Chief Tim Hongo motioned to adjourn. 2nd Lieutenant Matt Lawrence seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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