FIRE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 25, 2016

Commissioners Present: Chairman Leonardi, Commissioner Nastri, Commissioner Delucia

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chairman Jaffe, Commissioner Ruggerio

Staff Present: Asst. Chief Licata, Chief Jackson

The Regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 7:30 pm.

A roll call was taken and a quorum declared.

Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the previous minutes

Motion was made by Comm. Nastri and seconded by Comm. Delucia.

Motion Carried Unanimous

Reports:

Chief summarized Chief’s report for the month

Chief mentioned working on financial transfers to complete this years fiscal budget, concerns are with salary increases, overtime, Garcia accounts as well as the water account. Medical supplies did not make it through this year.

Chairman Leonardi questioned the water bill and how we are billed, lineair feet? Twice a year? Fixed base rate? And has it ever gone down?

Chief answered: It has never gone down, it does increase when there are new projects, being built.

Chief also mentioned experiencing additional issues with the electrical service at Fire Headquarters. He will be purchasing a 2 rack mounted UPS device to protect the critical radio and computer server equipment in the basement. Also mentioned hiring a competent electrical contractor to transfer some of the operating loads throughout the building. Currently can not use the air conditioner in the office without tripping a breaker.

Commissioner Delucia questioned if the generator was a 7 second or 9 second?

Chief: Not quite sure.

Commissioner Leonardi questioned the cost of the UPS Device and the $3,500 that it will cost, how do you go about requesting that money, do we need to ask permission for it? Who do we need to talk to Mayor? Paul? Can we order it? Do we need to talk to Town Council in order to order it?

Chief just need to talk to finance office

Commissioner Nastri was concerned about the staffing issue, what if one or two FF are injured, then we are affected even more then we are now, what is going to happen if some of the injured FF can not return to work.

Chief – There will be some difficulties.

Commissioner Nastri it will take a long period of time to get new FF through the training process, it will still cause issues, if we are able to hire in Dec. or Jan., they will not be available until next summer. There will still be issues.

Chairman Leonardi mentioned there was a rumor that some of these FF will not pass a physical to come back to work. Is there is a chance they will not pass?

Chief: Can not answer that question.

Commissioner Nastri mentioned we need to look into this, it just makes common sense, there could be more injuries.

Chief mentioned the I95 accidents lately, crews did a fantastic job even with the equipment failure, during a extrication a hydrolic failed and the crew had to use Branford’s truck to get power to the tool.

Chairman Leonardi were there enough manpower to cover these accidents?

Chief: Batt. Chief was actually able to cover with Engine 4, Branford and the volunteers, but they were still short handed due to the seriousness of these accidents.

Chairman Leonardi will there be accomendations for all involved?

Chief we can look into that.

A motion was made to accept the report as presented by Comm. Delucia and seconded by Comm. Nastri.

Motion Carried Unanimous

Asst. Chief Licata summarized the Asst. Chief’s report for the month.

Chairman Leonardi questioned about the Paramedic Billing. Who is handling that since there is only one Secretary in the Department.

Asst. Chief stated he is the one who works on that, it is a computer system and just need to enter it into the computer.

A motion was made to accept the report as read, by Comm Delucia econded by Comm. Nastri.

Motion Carried Unanimous

Fire Marshal’s Report: Asst. Chief summarized the Fire Marshal’s report for the month.

Chairman Leonardi questioned that the fiscal year ended 25 days ago, do we have a total of calls for the year?

Asst. Chief: Will look into that with the Fire Marshal

A motion was made by Comm. Delucia and seconded by Comm. Nastri

Motion Carried Unanimous

Training Officers Report: There is no Training Officer report because the Training Officer is still out on injury. Hoping to return in a few weeks.

Communication:

TO: Chief Doug Jackson,

From: Catherine Ross

RE: Thank you for compassionate, professional, patient, and sympathetic behavior.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business presented this evening.

New Business:

There was no new business presented this evening

Public Session:

There was no public session this evening

Executive Session:

Commissioner Nastri made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel issue.

In Executive Session will be the Commission, Chief, Asst. Chief, Union members.

The motion was seconded by Comm. Delucia

Motion Carried Unanimous

Meeting adjourned into executive session at 8:06 pm

A motion to reconvene the meeting was made by Comm. Nastri and seconded by Comm. Delucia.

Motion Carried Unanimous

Meeting reconvened at 8:55 pm

The purpose of the Executive session was to discuss a personnel matter, discussion of discipline and hiring.

Adjournment:

Comm. Delucia made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Comm. Nastri seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Apuzzo

Recording Secretary