

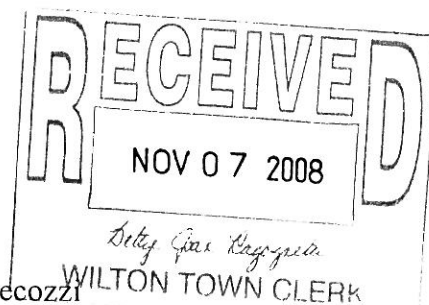


Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897

Minutes of Regular Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

October 7, 2008



Present: Commissioners Rich McCarty, J. Casey Healy and Gary Mecozzi

Others: Chief Paul Milositz, Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo, Fire Marshal David Kohn, Captain Jim Gies, Lieutenants Tom Cassin and Greg Kitik and Firefighters Jeff Locher, Dan Lewis and Mike Pryor.

A. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Chairman McCarty, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 1830 hours. **A MOTION** was made by Chairman McCarty to approve the minutes of the Commission's regular monthly meeting held on September 2, 2008, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and unanimously approved.

B. Review of Monthly Reports

1. Chief's Report – Chief Milositz advised the Commission that at the Operations Committee meeting held on October 7th, First Selectman Brennan advised that the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen are very concerned with next year's budget as the result of economic downturn. The goal of the Boards is to avoid staff cuts but any purchase request will be strictly scrutinized. The Department will continue to closely monitor expenditures through balance of fiscal year; capital projects that are in progress will be completed and all others will be deferred. Discussion also was held on Connecticut Legislature's requirement that minutes be posted in draft on the Town's web site within 7 days of a meeting and that meeting agendas be posted no later than 24 hours in advance of Commission meetings.
2. Deputy Chief's Report – The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Monthly Report dated October 6, 2008. The Report noted that there were a total of 126 calls for the month of September (Fire and Alarm – 32; EMS Calls – 70 and All Other Calls – 24), bringing the call total for the year to 1,176 (Fire and Alarm – 352; EMS Calls – 573 and All Other Calls – 251). There were a number of incidents worth noting during the month of September: (i) September 6th – significant rains resulted in water problem and numerous request for pump calls; (ii) September 10th – mutual aid to Westport for a structure fire at 6 Fraser Road; (iii) September 14th – bomb scare at Wilton Police Department Headquarters; (iv) September 23rd – small fire resulted from towel left on lamp at 96 Danbury Road; (v) September 26th – assisted Georgetown Fire Department with a stove fire at 36 Honey Hill Trail and (vi) September 28th – dumpster fire next to building at 108 Old Ridgefield Road.

Deputy Chief Amatrudo advised the Commission that 313 hours of training were conducted during the month; the major component of which was Dive Team and HAZ-MAT Team training. The Deputy Chief also reported that Fire Marshal Kohn coordinated demonstrations by four (4) fire service records management software vendors during the month. Two vendors were identified as having the best software for the Department's needs. A list of specific questions for those vendors is being prepared. The Deputy Chief noted that overtime spending remains a concern given that there was no budgetary expectation of the open firefighter position resulting from Justin McCarthy's departure to the New Haven Fire Department. The Deputy Chief also reported that the 9/11 ceremony was attended by approximately 100 people, including members of the Fire Department, Police Department and Wilton Volunteer Ambulance Corps., Town administration, the Fire Commission and the Police Commission. The Commission reviewed the Apparatus Supervisor's Report for September, which report noted that Truck 5 was out of service for approximately six weeks for repairs at Firematic Systems. Engine 4 is scheduled to be out of service for 1 week while at Firematic for repairs.

3. Fire Marshal's Report – The Commission reviewed the Fire Marshal's Monthly Report dated September 2008. Mr. Kohn reported that inspections are up; in part due to use of the computer tablet by Fire Inspector Grosso. Mr. Kohn also reported that students from Miller and Driscoll Elementary Schools have been visiting Station 1 and learning fire safety. In addition, public education has been scheduled for Wilton 2nd, 4th and 5th graders in October in conjunction with the annual Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest. Fire Marshal Kohn also advised that he has scheduled final question and answer sessions for the Department committee and the officers with the fire service records management software vendors.

C. Old Business

1. Hire of Replacement Firefighter – Firefighter candidate Kevin Plank began classes at the Connecticut Fire Academy on September 8th; according to Deputy Chief Amatrudo he is doing well and receiving excellent reviews from instructors.
2. Smoke Detectors in Garages and Sprinkler Systems – Fire Marshal Kohn confirmed that the technology for said detection systems to insure the systems is in place. He is awaiting direction from Town Counsel Patricia C. Sullivan regarding adopting a Town ordinance to require that the detection systems be installed in new garages.

D. New Business: There was no new business.

E. Executive Session – A MOTION was made by Chairman McCarty to retire to Executive Session to discuss the status of the negotiation of the Fire Union Pension. Chief Milositz and Deputy Chief Amatrudo were invited to join the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Healy and unanimously approved. The Commission, Chief Milositz and Deputy Chief Amatrudo adjourned to Executive Session at approximately 1903 hours. At approximately 1921 hours, the Commission ended the Executive Session and announced that no action had been taken.

F. Adjournment: At approximately 1922 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on November 4, 2008 at Fire Department Headquarters; said meeting will be a regular monthly meeting commencing at 1830 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Casey Healy", written in a cursive style.

J. Casey Healy
Secretary - Fire Commission