



Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Fire Headquarters
Training Room

Date of Meeting: March 5, 2014

Present: Commissioners Gary Mecozzi (Chair)
Commissioner Troy Ellen Dixon
Commissioner Richard G. McCarty (Secretary)

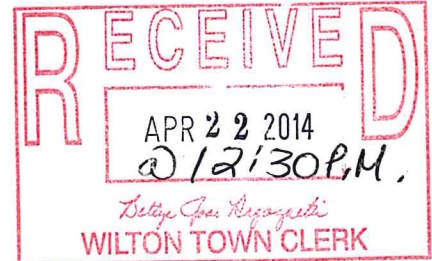
Fire Department Personnel

Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo; Firefighter Kevin Plank; Firefighter Bill Sampson; Firefighter John Krozer; Firefighter Mike Blatchley

Others

Sarah Taffel*

*Present part of the time.



- A. **Call to Order:** Commissioner Mecozzi called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.
- B. **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 14, 2014, Special Meeting held on January 22, 2014 and Special Meeting held on February 4, 2014 on **MOTION** duly made and seconded were each approved as submitted.
- C. **Monthly Reports**

Report of the Deputy Chief

Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo delivered the Monthly Deputy Chief's Report dated March 4, 2014 (copy attached).

The Deputy Chief specifically noted the February 8, 2014 Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance capital tour of Town facilities and other properties and complimented the work of Apparatus Supervisor Ralph Nathanson in providing exhibits demonstrating the corrosion and related issues on Department vehicles. This led to written testimony for the Connecticut legislature and media reports on the impact of anti-icing agents used on local roads on the vehicles.

The proposed FY2015 Department budget has been amended by the Board of Selectman to provide funds for a study of the facility requirements, repairs and upgrades to standards at Station 2. Other budget reductions were principally in areas of oil, petroleum products and insurance costs. A budget hearing will be held at Middlebrook School on March 25, 2014.

Total incidents for month of February 2014 were 125, compared to 99 for the same month in the prior year. Notably EMS responses were significantly higher moving from 42 in 2013 to 57 in 2013.

Other significant highlights included:

- Apparatus Repairs – The entire annual FY2014 budget for vehicle maintenance and parts/supplies has been consumed as of the date of this meeting. Town Hall has been notified. Overall versus budget the Department remains within total spending provisions.
- New Engine/Tanker – The planned delivery date remains on schedule. In lieu of traveling to Florida for an on-site inspection of the pump module, a virtual presentation with pictures was delivered. The pump module will be shipped to Wisconsin for installation on the body
- Emergency Management – Captains Czarnecki and Gies attended a 2 day training session with DEMHS on EOC/unified command. All officers expressed an interest in receiving such training.
- Communications – Department members continue to monitor dispatching generally and to EMS in particular to ensure the integrity of dispatch and identify system issues. A meeting with the Police Department is scheduled for March 14, 2014 and a request to the Department's Captains for top items of concern has been made. Deputy Chief Amatrudo, Captain Gies will attend along with Commission Chairman Mecozzi.

Reports were received and reviewed from the Fire Marshal's Office, the Apparatus Supervisor and the Dive Team (copies attached).

D. Old Business

Station 2 repairs and potable water issues were thoroughly discussed. An issue has been encountered with installation of a new potable water tank. Discussions are on-going with the vendor. It is likely that the 3000 gallon tank will have to be returned in favor of 2 2000 gallon tanks. A rain water capture system is also being reviewed for use in washing the vehicles. There has been significant progress on other repairs at Station 2 and work is being done with the vendor on old radio system equipment removal.

E. New Business

Commission Chairman Mecozzi delivered a report on the status of the Chief search and search committee related meetings. A thorough discussion ensued.

Commissioner McCarty had requested a report on the Department's ability to capture locations in Town with solar panel applications after media reports from locations across the metropolitan area of difficulties presented in roof operations by the presence of these energy devices. Deputy Chief Amatrudo will be checking with the Town Building Department.

F. Public Comment

None.

G. Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of Commission will be held Wednesday April 2, 2014 at the Fire Headquarters Training Room; said meeting will be a regular monthly meeting commencing at 1900 hours.

H. Adjournment

Upon a **MOTION** duly made and seconded, Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 1930 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilton Fire Commission



Richard G. McCarty
Commissioner and Secretary

attachments