



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Special Meeting

November 10, 2011

Company #3

7:30pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Attendance

Commissioner's Seiler & Stoddard & Bogacz

Chief Chris Schroeder

Asst. Chief Tom Lapierre
Deputy Chief Depamphilis
Deputy Chief Frank Papa
Deputy Chief Bob Regina

Ken Moratto
Jack Nesklada
Paul Lach
Chris Miner

Captain Craig Stegmaier
Lt. Pedro Machado
Roman Castro
Jaimie Castro
Tony Palazhi

Tim Jones
Jackie Robert
Brian Carpenter
Austin Muir
Tim McDonald

Public Participation

None

Communications

Communications were read and accepted.

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VI. Ledger Status

The commissioner's reviewed the Ledger Status Report and reported that it was on track for the year to date.

VII. Old Business

Commissioner Stoddard has reviewed the specifications for new Engine#4 and made the motion for it to go out to bid.

ISO will be visiting the firehouse in the near future. We are ready and waiting to hear from them.

A visit is scheduled to New Britain to review their Cad System.

Commissioner Seiler asked if there were comments on Awards Night and Chief Schroeder responded that we need to be more accurate on who is eligible for an award(s). Overall it was a good evening.

Commissioner Seiler would have wanted to see more involvement from the Captains.

The repaving of Company # 1 has been completed.

VIII. New Business

Commissioner Seiler felt that the department went above and beyond during the storm. Chief Schroeder reported that houses were well staffed. Deputy Chief Papa stated between Saturday, October 29th and Saturday, November 5th. there were 222 Cad numbers logged.

The issue of generators was brought up and other than minor problems, Co.#1 was the only one with prolonged issues.

IX. Public Participation

Lt. Jack Nesklada wanted it on the record that at last months meeting no one was questioning the integrity of the Chiefs and most of the questions were directed to the Board. He felt that none of the questions brought forth were answered. Commissioner Seiler addressed each issue. Discussion followed.

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Notifications of the meetings need to be one the tones. The Freedom of Information request is nearly complete and will be submitted to the gentlemen who made the request.

X. Comissioner's Remarks

Commissioner Stoddard felt the Department did and excellent job during the storm. He was disappointed in the public's reaction to CL & P. This was a storm that no one was prepared for and that should be taken into consideration.

Commissioner Bogacz commented that some residents were looking for generators, sump pumps and cell phone chargers.

He suggested that a tour for the new council could be arranged to familiarize them with our equipment and our needs.

Commissioner Seiler complimented the Department on their incredible response and stated we were probably the best prepared of all the town agencies.

XI. Executive Session

No executive session

XII. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

