TOWN OF SOMERS FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Thursday November 15, 2007

<u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> Chairman Frank Lawlor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

- Members Present: Frank Lawlor, Alice Van Tasel, Tony Bruno and Carl Rohrbach, Jr.
- Others Present: Fire Chief Bill Meier, Deputy Fire Chief Frank Falcone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No minutes approved

FIRE CHIEF:

- State bonding for the substations was approved but process on-hold by the Town due to other programs
- Both Fire and Ambulance budgets are tight but appear on track
- A road worthy mini bus, to be used as a special operations vehicle at emergency scenes, has been donated to the Department by the Enfield Fire Department.
- The Chief announced he would be stepping down after eight years. The SVFD will elect a new Fire Chief, subject to Commission approval, on December 10.

FIRE MARSHAL;

- Re-advertising for the Fire Marshal position will begin again with the hope that the position can be filled by early 1st quarter 2008.
- Few regular inspections are currently being done. The 1st Selectman has been in contact with the State Fire Marshal about a per diem Fire Marshal or Inspector.

OTHER BUSINESS:

• A motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Rohrbach and passed unanimously to approve the Chairman's letter to the BoS and BoF outlining the critical need for a ladder truck given the design of much of the newer housing in Town as well as the anticipated development of the mill in Somersville.

ADJOURNMENT:

• The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Rohrbach and passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is December 20, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Somers Fire House.

 $Respectfully \ submitted,$

Carl Rohrbach, Jr.