

**TOWN OF SOMERS
FIRE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday December 11, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

- Members Present: Vinny Navin, Alice Van Tasel, Tony Bruno and Carl Rohrbach
- Others Present: Fire Chief Ed Pagani, 1st Deputy Chief Frank Falcone, Fire Marshal Bob Morpurgo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Minutes from the November 20, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Fr. Bruno and second by Mrs. Van Tasel.

FIRE CHIEF:

- The BoS took \$7K from the Building Maintenance, Telephone and Personal Protective Equipment line items to cover repairs to ET245 creating a shortfall in the 2008/2009 budget.
- Because of the tight budget and the freeze on expenditures the Chief contemplated delaying DOT certification on the last two vehicles until the next fiscal year. Fr. Bruno made a motion to find necessary funds from any budget line item to get the mandatory DOT certification on tanker and service truck to avoid any potential liability risk to the Town in the event either vehicle is involved in an accident. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Van Tasel and approved unanimously.
- The 2009/2010 Fire Department budget is targeted to be level funded however the ambulance budget must increase due to the higher cost of oxygen and medical supplies.

FIRE MARSHAL:

- Backlog of inspections should be eliminated by the beginning of March 2009
- The Town is considering imposing fees for many of the services performed by the Fire Marshal following the lead of many other towns in Connecticut. The Fire Marshal presented a sample fee schedule. Mr. Navin indicated that State is considering adopting the NFPA1 national standard as a model for these fees. The measure is currently in legislative review.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion made by Fr. Bruno, seconded by Mrs. Van Tasel and passed unanimously. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Somers Fire House.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Rohrbach, Jr.