

TOWN OF SOMERS
FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday September 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm

- Members Present; Vinny Navin II, Tony Bruno, Thomas S. Mehl, David Palmer
- Others Present; Chief Edward Pagani,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion made by T. Bruno to accept the June's minutes & 2nd by D. Palmer. **Motion Passed**

FIRE CHIEF:

- Bay Doors were big expense, Fix and replace non-working sensors \$3900- \$4100
- Et 246 front axles ??
- 40% of maintenance budget spent already
- Ladder testing was done and all ladders passed. Hose testing is next and no idea as to percentage of hose that will pass.
- Chief spoke with First selectman Pinney, (friendly discussion) about replacing front line piece, probably be able to find one for \$345,000. (Ballpark)
- No new station or ladder truck, take money and put it into equipment for new engine.
- Ambulance needs to be replaced, hopefully out of money collected from billing (\$185,000)
- Gear budget was raised but now we need to keep the increase to get Dept current with all standards.
- Looking into Grant for replacing any Hose that we need to replace.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- First selectman Dave Pinney stated that he thought the FD and Commission should continue to put together package to bring to Finance Board to hopefully be able to approach the Jan deadline for Capitol projects.

- He also stated to keep goals realistic, gives creditability to FD's requests.

OLD BUSINESS:

- NONE

Fire Marshall:

- Annual report sent out, Fire loss down in town by \$144,000
- Glen Reynolds is doing fire prevention
- Mill is vacant still
 - Boards on windows are missing, Daycare near is willing to pay to have windows boarded up for safety
 - Possibility of new ordinance in state that would require owner to take better care of such issues
- New fees have brought in \$1300 so far (one month) fair totaled \$375.
- Fire Marshall is giving group fees out instead of individual ones for all the floats and for other situations that he feels are warranted.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 pm on a motion by T.Bruno and 2nd by D. Palmer. **Motion Passed**
- Next meeting scheduled for 9/15/09 at 7:00 pm at the Somers Fire Dept.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas S. Mehl

Minutes are not official until approved at subsequent meeting