



ANSONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

253 MAIN STREET
ANSONIA, CT 06401

FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2010

Commissioner	Eugene Sharkey, Chairman	Present
Commissioner	Steve Blume	Present
Commissioner	Joseph Jeannette	Present
Chief	Michael Eheman	Present
1 st Asst. Chief	Ronald Burgess	Present
2 nd Asst. Chief	Joe Kingston	Absent

Others Present:

3 rd Asst. Chief	Scott Trembley	Absent
4 th Asst. Chief	Ed Adamowski	Absent
Fire Marshal	Ray Tingley	
Fire Alarms	Bill Hart	
Co. #1	Captain Carl Smith	
Co. #3	Captain Ken Pawlak	
Co. #4	1 st Lt. Tony Spigarolo	
Co. #5	Captain Robert Caruso	
Co. #6	1 st Lt. Chris Schwarz	

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Fire Commission was called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Sharkey. A roll call was taken and the chair declared a quorum present.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

***A moment of silence was observed for all the relatives of Ansonia Firefighters who have recently passed away.

Public Session

Melissa Rydzy of Scotland St. and a member of Fountain Hose spoke of details of having a blood drive sponsored by the Ansonia Fire department on June 5 at Company 5. she was requesting each company provide a representative as a contact point for information.

Chairman Sharkey asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Commission. Being none, the chair declared the public session closed.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION to accept the minutes from the January 27, 2010 organizational and regular meetings was made by Commissioner Blume and seconded by Chief Eheman. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Approval of Bills

A MOTION to pay all bills if found to be correct was made by Commissioner Blume and seconded by AC Burgess. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Correspondence :

- Letter from Captain Bob Caruso and Company 5 regarding popcorn ball Sunday.

Reports:

Company 1

Fountain Hose

- Outside spotlight needs to be replaced.
- No parking sign needs to be re-hung.

Company 3

Webster Hose

- Need 2 ac plugs for survivor lights.
- Permission to take E3 to St. Patrick's Day parade. Granted.
- When taking equipment off S9, please return it the same way found. Straps should be open, bottle full, etc. Please notify driver on what you are taking and your name.
- S9 lights to be fixed.
- Need assistance with gear returns.

Company 4

Charters Hose

- Drill 3/21/2010 for IC and Hazmat. All welcome.
- Latch on rear of E4 is still not fixed.
- Want to get stickers for proper use of latch.
- Tip on smooth bore is missing. Need a replacement.

Company 5

Hilltop Hose

- Need hose bed cover for E5.
- Ejector plug needs to be replaced.

Company 6

Eagle Hose

- Battery on L7 not holding charge well. Need to have serviced.
- Need door clips on L7.
- Air tank on L7 needs to be hydro tested by June 2010. will be done at tower certification.
- Need strobe light for E6.

Unfinished Business

- Fire school legislation was really discussion by Fire Academy regarding new schools. Valley Fire Chiefs spoke to Academy and was assured local schools can still run training locally.

New Business

- There was a meeting held with Fire and Police management regarding dispatch. Both sides discussed obstacles encountered during fire dispatch. The dispatcher will quick dispatch type and location of call. Fire personnel should limit contact to dispatch during calls (do not call on phone asking location, do not repeat sign on, etc.). Texting is being deployed to all who wish to receive texts. A discussion followed.
- The letter from Co. 5 was brought to the table for discussion. Commissioner Blume stated that the city would not be funding the purchase of popcorn balls as requested. The commission is disappointed with the contents of the request and feels that the fire department has been given all the tools needed to fight fires. The commission supports social functions such as popcorn ball Sunday and blood drives, but these are some of the events that are the financial responsibility of the fire company. As relates to the postponing on Popcorn Ball Sunday to the following week, the chief has every right to keep all City trucks off the roads for social purposes during inclement weather. Further discussion ensued.

Fire Marshal

- Holy Rosary church has installed a new alarm system and Knox Box.
- Hilltop Health has installed a Knox Box.

- 228 Beaver street has a new alarm system and will house a daycare facility.

Alarms

- Continue to work with UI and other utilities to move wires on the poles.
- If you see lights out, get pole number and report to UI.

Training

- Pump Operator and Aerial Operator class schedules handed out. Check the training website.

Fire Police

Chief 25

Chief 24

Chief 23

Chief 22

- When truck goes out, sign on with reason you are on the road.

Commissioner Jeannette

- Thanks to all AFD members for their kindness and support to me and my family during my recent loss.

Commissioner Blume

Chief 21

- Tax abatement forms are out. Meetings will be held with Rich Bshara to ensure accuracy at city hall. Captains will be contacted.
- Phone list is being updated.
- AC Trembley's mother passed away this week. Wake will be Sunday. AFD should go as a group.

Commissioner Sharkey

Commissioner Blume made a MOTION to adjourn at 8:10 PM, seconded by Commissioner Jeannette. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Bshara
Secretary-Bookkeeper
Ansonia Fire Department