



ANSONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MAY 27, 2015

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Commissioner	Joseph Jeanette	Absent
Commissioner	Phil Tripp	Present
Commissioner	Pat Henri	Present
Chief	Scott Trembley	Present
1 st Asst. Chief	Ed Adamowski	Present
2 nd Asst. Chief	Mike Eheman	Present
Others Present:		
3 rd Asst. Chief	Dan Mudry	Absent
4 th Asst. Chief	Alex Horjatschun	Present
Fire Marshal	Ray Tingley	Present
Fire Alarms	Bill Hart	Absent
Fire Police	Eileen Ehman	Absent
Co. #1	Captain Tom Furfaro	Present
Co. #3	Captain Ken Mitchell	Present
Co. #4	Captain Jay Falner	Present
Co. #5	Captain Frank Guisto	Present
Co. #6	1 st Lt. Craig Smart	Present

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Fire Commission was called to order at 7:00 by Commissioner Tripp. All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

A roll call was taken and the chair declared a quorum present.

Public Session

Commissioner Tripp asked if there was anyone from the public that wished to address the commission.

Mayor Cassetti addressed the commission asking for the advice of the Ansonia Fire Commission on performing a feasibility study on building a new state of the art firehouse at the Olson Drive Public Safety Complex. The Mayor stated that the final decisions would be up to the Fire Commission. Commissioner Tripp said that we would bring it up during new business.

Commissioner Tripp 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 April 29, 2015 regular meeting of the Ansonia Fire Commission was made by AC Eheman and seconded by AC Adamowski. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Approval of Bills

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

Correspondence:

Reports:

Company 1 Fountain Hose

- Captain Furfaro stated that this was his last meeting. He thanked all for their help.

Company 3 Webster Hose

- Boot drive scheduled for June 6.
- E3 to Oxford parade on May 30.

Company 4 Charters Hose

- Need speedy dry. On order.
- Lost a lot of hose in testing.
- Keys for building.
- E4 OOS on May 31 for FFI practical.

Company 5 Hilltop Hose

- E5 to Oxford Parade 5/30.
- Past Chief's testimonial June 7.

Company 6 Eagle Hose

- Thanks to ARMS for hosting Ladder 7.
- Hurst service done. Cannot change arms on tool.
- Letter submitted to Commission recommending the purchase of new E6 from Pierce.
- On behalf of the truck committee, thank you to all involved with the process.

MOTION

Chief Trembley made a motion to approve the purchase of the new E6 from Pierce Mfg. through Firematic and to send a letter to the Board of Aldermen requesting their approval of the bid and awarding of the bid to Pierce and Firematic. AC Adamowski seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED

Unfinished Business

Commissioner Henri asked Lt. Blake if he could check on getting the Fire Museum open over the summer so we can show off our history. Gene Sharkey will get back to the Commission.

New Business

- Commissioner Tripp asked Attorney Marini if he would like to elaborate on the Mayor's request. Attorney Marini stated that the Mayor wants to know if the AFD and the Commission want the City to do a feasibility study for a new firehouse on Olson Drive. The Mayor would like the approval of the AFD before doing this, but we need to act now. There are a lot of unknowns and the study will tell us if this makes sense. The Mayor wants your input on this study with no strings attached. The study will come back to the commission. This is exploration while we have the option. The need to modernize and how it goes into the long term strategy. The Mayor is not asking for a commitment other than to spend money on the study.
- Sheila O'Malley added that in order to apply for federal money, you need drawings and cost estimates. In order to be part of the overall plan, we would need to include the AFD study now if will be included in the project.
- Commissioner Henri asked several questions. So we need this study for the cost estimates. How many on the Committee? 8-12 people on the committee and it will take some time to get going.
- Mr. Marini stated that if the AFD wants to do the study, then they will hold the space. If not, the space will be allocated to another purpose. The AFD will be part of the committee if interested. Mr. Marini stated the time frame is about a

month or so to have an answer. This has been proposed a year ago, so there has been time for thought.

- Commissioner Henri asked if we could do an administrative building for the Chief and Fire Marshal along with a training facility? Mr. Marini stated that if that is what the AFD wants, then that can be discussed. Mr. Marini stated that when this would be built will depend on money, time and a number of factors. Sheila O'Malley added that if we are going to do something, it should all be done at the same time. It will be less costly that way. Mr. Marini added that there is some jockeying for space with the Ansonia Housing Authority (AHA), so we need to know the direction we want to proceed sooner rather than later.
- AC Eheman stated that 30 days may be too quick for us to get answers from all the members. What is the question that you want the AFD to answer?
- Mr. Marini stated that the City wants to know what the AFD would like to have explored for building at Olson Drive. A firehouse, Chief's office, training facility? Then we could get the costs and present options for the facility. No strings attached at this point.
- Chief Trembley asked if they could study alternatives? 1- a firehouse 2 – an office and training room? Sheila O'Malley said yes, they can look at alternatives.
- Chief Trembley stated that he did not think it is fair for the Commission to answer for the entire AFD. He would like to have representatives from each house meet together and discuss the future of the AFD.
- AC Horjatschun thinks the question should go back to each house for discussion.
- Sheila O'Malley stated that HUD plans to 54 units of housing and a public safety complex on the site. The plans are not set in stone and this is part of the planning process.

There was a discussion among many at the meeting.

MOTION

Chief Trembley made a motion to form a committee made up of chiefs, officers and members of each firehouse to discuss the request of the Mayor and report back to the Commission in 60 days. The members should include veterans and new members alike. The Captain of each house should solicit the response from every member. Commissioner Henri seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Fire Marshal

- Day care next to KOI restaurant open in several weeks. There will be 18 kids at the 375 Main Street location.
- 219 Division Street will once again be a day care facility with up to 60 kids.
- There will be a fire demo at TEAM on Fourth Street.
- Mustang Sally's will reopen again as new bar soon.

Alarms

Training

- Rope rescue has a sign up for a 4 day class. Need 30 people to run the class.
- Photovoltaic (Solar Panels) training will be at Ansonia High School on June 10 at 6:30 PM.
- There are 2 people enrolled in the Fire Instructor Class.
- Can we get an old police car for going to class.

Fire Police

- All set.

FD 5

- All set.

FD 4

FD 3

- Thank you Tom Furfaro for all your help while Captain.
- Pump Testing dates soon by Gowans Knight.

- If you are having a boot drive, make sure you contact Chief Hale before you go out.

FD 2

- Thanks to Tom Furfaro.

FD 1

- Thanks to all for a great turnout at the parade.
- Thanks to all on the ladder and hose testing process.
- We lost some hose during testing and new hose is on order.
- Company 5 is having a testimonial for Past Chief Kingston on June 7. All are invited.
- There will be a mayday power point presentation on May 28 at Co. 5.
- There are 7 new 4 gas meters on order, one for each truck.
- Truck 7 will go out in June for its annual inspection.
- There will be flow testing in July.
- The training door for forcible entry will be delivered in June.
- Co. 1 Hurst tool inspection on order.
- Thanks to Tom Furfaro.
- Tool fuel needs to be kept in metal gas cans. We will order some cans.

Commissioner Tripp

- Maybe EOB can help with some of the needs for AFD.
- Thanks to 101.
- Impressed by all in the parade. Thank you.
- I saw many young people helping at hose and ladder testing at Nolan Field. It was nice to see.

Commissioner Henri

- Thanks to all for the nice showing at the parade.
- The members have taken very good care of the apparatus in a professional manner.
- The Juniors are advertising. Maybe we can contact the schools to do career days at AHS and EOB. Reach out to School face book page.

MOTION

Chief Trembley made a motion to allow the City to use the pole fire alarm wire space for installing a fiber connection from City Hall to AHS. Commissioner Henri seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Commissioner Jeanette

Chief Trembley made a MOTION to adjourn at 8:00 PM, seconded by AC Adamowski. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Richard Bshara
Ansonia Fire Department
Secretary