

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of TFD Fire Commissioners

**DRAFT** -- Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2016

Thompsonville Fire Station, 35 N. Main Street, Enfield, CT

**1. Call to Order:** by Chairperson Reidy at 7:12 pm.

**2. Roll Call:** present was Chairperson Comm. Reidy, Comm. Perry, Comm. Brouillette, and Comm. Gaskell. Comm. Crowley was absent. Also present was Acting Chief Provencher.

**3. Secretary / Treasurer's Report:** None

**4. Commissioners' Communications:**

Comm. Gaskell said I left a message for the recording secretary of the Grey's Club about the land on both sides of the Grey's Club. I will contact him again if I don't hear back from him. Comm. Brouillette said it doesn't seem like he is interested. Comm. Reidy said I think it's because of the money. Comm. Gaskell said he is supposed to mention it to his board. Comm. Reidy said I am willing to let it go just to get it back on the tax roll.

**5. Chief's Report:**

Acting Chief Provencher welcomed the new Commissioners and wished them good luck.

Acting Chief Provencher reported good news regarding Squad 21. The repair to the areas with body rust will covered under warranty. It will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. Thank you to Capt. Flanagan for his assistance with the warranty research.

Acting Chief Provencher thanked the members of the department for all the work they have been doing and continue to do maintaining the station grounds, lawn care, minor repairs to the apparatus and station. The assistance helps reduce labor costs.

Acting Chief Provencher spoke to the owner of the old fire station regarding the bell. The owner stated that the bell belonged to TFD and we may remove the bell at any time as long as we have the funds to pay for it. I have some ideas for a fundraiser. Maybe we can hold one during the Fourth of July Celebration. Comm. Brouillette suggested selling drinks. Comm. Perry said that is how the Celebration committee makes money.

Acting Chief Provencher said he received a thank you card from the Aiken family for the flowers we sent for Chief Aiken's funeral.

## **6. Public Communications: 10 Minute Q & A:**

Steve Cogtella, 2 S. River St., asked about the cost of removing the bell. Acting Chief Provencher said the most expensive item would be the crane which probably would cost \$1,000 - \$1,500. Paul Clifford asked how much the bell weighed. Acting Chief Provencher replied roughly 1,300 pounds but he was not exactly sure. Mr. Clifford suggested removing the bell with an Army helicopter.

Mr. Cogtella asked if the Town is willing to release their portion of the land around the Grey's Club. Comm. Reidy said I have an appointment to speak with the new town manager on June 1. I can discuss it at that meeting.

Mark Magistri, 34 Parker St., said I just wanted to reiterate that it's not just the cost of removing the bell. You need a short term insurance policy in case anything was to happen during the removal. Comm. Reidy agreed.

## **7. Commissioner and Administration general discussions:**

The Commission agreed that Comm. Crowley should be present for these discussions.

## **8. Public Communications: 10 Minute Q & A:** none

## **9. Discussion and Approval of Invoices/Bills:**

Commissioners reviewed, discussed and approved checks for invoices/bills.

## **10. Anticipated Executive Session: a) Personnel Issues, b) Pending Claims and Litigation CGS 7433c Heart and Hypertension Claims, c) Discussion of Pending Claims and Litigation:**

**MOTION to enter into Executive Session** made by Comm. Reidy, seconded by Comm. Gaskell. Discussion: none. Roll Call- Motion passes 4-0. All Commissioners present and Acting Chief Provencher entered into Executive Session at 7:38 pm.

## **11. Possible Action regarding Executive Session:**

Returned from Executive Session at 8:21 pm. No action taken.

## **12. Adjourn:**

**MOTION to adjourn** made by Comm. Reidy, seconded by Comm. Brouillette. All in favor by ayes at 8:22 pm.

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