

BURLINGTON FIRE COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting
August 15, 2012

The Meeting of the Burlington Fire Commission convened at 0800 hours in Chief Lasker's office with Commissioners Mark Saba, John Vincent, Jacob Perkinson via phone, Kevin McLaughlin, and Linda Sheehey. Also present were Chief S. Lasker, DC D. Roberts and Clerk of the Board Jillian Bogert.

Meeting End Time

Meeting end time was set for 0900 hours by motion of Commissioner Sheehey, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin with all in favor.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

A motion to accept the last meeting's minutes was made by Commissioner Perkinson and seconded by Commissioner Sheehey with all in favor.

Chief's Oral Report

There have been two budget presentations since the last meeting. On June 11th the department met to increase ambulance billing rates which now brought us to speed with other area's billing. The second meeting was for the proposal of the new Car 12. Due to the sale of the 1995 Peirce, we were able to use some of the money towards purchasing the new Car 12. The remainder of the money came from funds of the 2010 truck bond. Currently, Car 12 has been ordered and is being built in the factory.

E-One has been fantastic about replacing the tracking system on Tower-1. There was no charge for this work.

We currently have 3 new probationary firefighters on shift after they completed their 5 week training. Currently 1 probationary firefighter is out on medical leave due to an injury.

The department has applied for and received a \$50,000 grant to replace the radios to comply with the 2013 Narrowbanding requirement. We plan to rotate old portables for special events and as spares.

The EMS Training at ECHO during the bodies exhibit was such a success that ECHO decided to open it up to all of the states EMT's. For us, this was a training that covered anatomy and spanned 3 days for the varying shifts.

Significant events have happened since the last meeting;

On June 25th a woman lit herself on fire on North Ave at a gas station. Crews responded in immaculate time and did an excellent job on providing every service we possibly could. A councilor was brought in for a session to follow up with the event.

July 4th entailed not only a busy day of calls but also an ammonia leak at Leddy which almost led to evacuation.

July 14th, a fire developed on 88 Sherman in a vacant building. It is currently under suspicious investigation.

July 23rd lightning struck a home on 38 Nottingham Ln. which caught fire. Another shed had caught fire in the same night due to lightning at 48 West Haven.

July 24th entailed an extremely large car accident in which a firefighter was assaulted during the rescue.

July 25th another vacant building fire on 395 Manhatten that is also under suspicious investigation. The crew was able to stop the fire from spreading to neighbors thought their windows broke due to the extreme heat of the fire.

The John Norman training was a success. Money from the class enabled us to buy expensive training props that would not have been able to do without this seminar. We are trying to look at doing similar classes in the future as they were enjoyed by many and beneficial to the department.

Old/New Business

None at this time.

Adjournment: The Commission adjourned at 0820 by motion of Commissioner McLaughlin and seconded by Commissioner Sheehey.