

# BURLINGTON FIRE COMMISSION

## Minutes of the Meeting

May 13, 2014

The Meeting of the Burlington Fire Commission convened at 0833 hours in Chief Lasker's office with Commissioners J. Perkinson, K. McLaughlin, L. Sheehey, J. Vincent, and S. Sweeney present. Also present were Chief S. Lasker, and Administrative Assistant M. Sweeney.

### Meeting End Time

Meeting end time set for 0930 hours without objection by Commissioner Perkinson.

### Minutes of the Last Meeting

Commissioner Perskinson asked for a motion to accept the minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner McLaughlin, seconded by Commissioner Sheehey with no objections minutes were accepted and submitted.

### Chief's Oral Report

- The department received a training grant from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$32,000 for USAR training. The grant will include cost of course, supplies, and travel.
- On April 28<sup>th</sup> the department changed the program used for dispatching from Aegis to Valcour. Valcour was created as a law enforcement program, and we are the first fulltime fire department to use it as primary source of dispatching. This program will save the department money from this move.
- The Union negotiations are ongoing and have been positive.
- Capital Improvements have begun. Station 2 has new overhead doors. Station 1 will begin to have ramp work done next week. During this time Tower-1 will be moved to Station 5 while Engine-1 and Rescue-1 stay at Station 1 rotating between the bays.
- The department has changed its oxygen vendor from Airgas to Haun.
- There are three open positions with a fourth opening by the end of the month following long time member Bill Sears' retirement. Four new members have been hired and will start their training on June 2nd. In July the new members will be on the floor and two other members will come off probation.
- There are multiple fires to report on. The first was at 133 North Avenue, a first alarm fire that was accidental due to a dryer. The second was an arson fire set at Centennial Field and was out before the department's arrival. The third was also an arson fire at Hunt Middle School set in the boy's locker room. This was put out by Engine 4 when they arrived on scene.
- The new Car-6 is now outfitted and in service.
- Tower-1 has been fixed and is in service. The department is currently working with the air filter company to try to recoup some of the money. Notification has been made to E-1 to let them know of the issue.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> was the third annual Rainy Day Fund Calcutta. Final numbers are not in yet, but the turnout was good and money was raised.

### Old or New Business

- Commissioners Perkinson and Sweeney have been working on the next Awards Ceremony. The date has been set for October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton. Brainstorming has begun to get sponsors for the event.

- The budget presentation will be at City Hall on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 06:00pm. Presentation will be made from an informational packet versus a PowerPoint like previous years.
- There have still been issues with department vehicles parking at stores in the city. Chief tried to address it by asking company members to make sure one person remains with vehicle and be aware of spaces being blocked.
- Chief Lasker has seen the plans for the construction project at the hospital including UVM buildings.
- In March the new EMS protocols went into effect. The department has had a few calls where this procedure has been in place. There have been a couple of instances where members have discontinued attempts to resuscitate and not transported.
- Award nominations have started to come in including nominations for members and general public. Awards will go through the award committee process for approval.

#### Open Session

- During open session Commission McLaughlin asked if there was feedback from the city regarding department operations.

#### Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 09:09 by motion of Commissioner McLaughlin and seconded by Commissioner Sheehey.