

# Meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers

**June 14, 2000**

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Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Members present: Michael S. Trovato, Chief  
Warren Alexander, Deputy Chief  
Adam Wolf  
Gerard Menangas  
Joseph Notaro  
James Roderick Jr.

Others present: Lou Ann Johnson, Johnson's Painting Co.  
Jeffrey Francis  
Thomas Roda

**Painting of Trim on Main Station** discussed.

Ms. Johnson submitted a report of the work remaining on the building. She advised the board that there would not be any charge for any re-caulking that was needed. She will begin the completion of the job as soon as the weather allows.

## House Reports

### Engine Company #3-Election of Officers

**Michael Smith** ran unopposed for the position of Captain and was elected by a vote of the house members.

**Motion:** Notaro motioned to accept the house vote; Roderick seconded the motion; All in favor.

**Rosemary Henrique** re-elected Lieutenant by a vote of the house members.

Alexander stated he would not vote for Henrique because he felt that her poor attitude displayed that she was not officer material.

Chief Trovato advised the board that he had had two incidents with Henrique and could not vote for her as Lieutenant of #3.

Notaro stated he felt Henrique was doing a decent job as Lieutenant of #3 and he supported the vote of the house. He added that if there were incidents that occurred to influence their opinion of her, as District Chief, he should have been notified so he could have intervened earlier.

Notaro added that if there was something seriously wrong that warranted consideration by the board, she should have called in before the board to discuss the matter with her.

Chief Trovato stated that he had let things go hoping things would work themselves out. He added that he would handle things differently in the future.

Wolf and Zawaduk felt they could not vote without knowing exactly what was going on.

Notaro withdrew his motion until Henrique is notified that the members of board have a problem with the vote of the house and would like her to come before the board to discuss the matter. He added she should be notified of the meeting in writing and what problems are to be discussed.

**Jeffrey Francis** voted in by house members as a Regular in House #3.

**Motion:** Wolf motioned to postpone taking any action on Francis's Application until the next meeting to be held on June 21, 2000; Roderick seconded the motion; All in favor. A letter will be sent to Francis notifying him of the meeting.

Wolf expressed his displeasure with the goings on in the rescue squad and suggested scheduling a meeting with the squad to clear the air.

**Motion:** Wolf motioned to schedule a meeting on June 28, 2000 with the members of the rescue squad to discuss any problems or concerns; Menangas seconded the motion; All in favor.

Alexander suggested board members sit in on future rescue squad meetings.

Francis asked if the board had the same discussion every time a company voted to change a position.

The Chief and Alexander stated that it did not happen that often but they had overturned house votes.

Francis asked if at the joint meeting the board was going to ask members to give specific examples of why they voted for him.

Chief Trovato stated members would not be polled regarding their vote.

**Dispatching protocols re Lower Cape Ambulance** discussed. Meeting with the Police Chief to be scheduled.

**Indian Pumps** should be placed on all fire trucks. Letter to Captains advising them.

**Uniform needs** discussed. Letter to all Captains advising them to inform all members needing Hats, Shirts, Badges, etc. to submit a request to their Captain.

**Evidence Locker needed.** Notaro suggested a locked cabinet in the file room.

**Room in Station** needed to be accessible to all department members as a reading library advised Notaro. The Chief suggested the meeting room. Fire related magazine articles are very informative and can be used as guidelines to set up drills suggested Trovato.

**Driving of Fire Trucks** discussed. Copy of Chapter 17 of the Personnel Rules & Regulations will be sent to all Captains.

**First Garage Door** (Rich) to be contacted re Garage door windows fogging up. Add to Action List

**Recycling Bins** will be handled by Roderick and Menangas. They will contact Roger Green.

## **Adjournment**

**Motion:** Roderick motioned to adjourn the meeting; Wolf seconded the motion; All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.