

**The Board of Fire Commissioners
Portsmouth Fire Department**

Station 1
September 27, 2007

Portsmouth, NH
1900 hours

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Paul Wentworth called the meeting to order at 1903 hours and led Pledge of Allegiance. Along with Chairman Wentworth, present were Commissioners: Richard Gamester and Michael Hughes, Chief Christopher LeClaire, Assistant Chief Steven Achilles, Deputy Chief Steven Griswold, Fire Inspector Carl Roediger, Lieutenant Jason Gionet and family, Firefighter William McQuillen and Tom Flygare.

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion, to accept the minutes of August 29, 2007, was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Gamester, unanimous.

III. Reports:

A. Fire Chief's Reports:

Chief led brief discussion on FY08 budget with notation of earned time being high during this time of year. Reviews done weekly.

Motion, to accept Chief's Reports 07-054 through 07-058 was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Gamester, unanimous.

B. Other (to include internal dept. written communications): None.

IV. Old Business: None.

V. Presentations of Written Communications: None.

Minutes of September 27, 2007 continued:

VI. New Business:

Assistant Chief Achilles spoke of the three firefighters hired on Monday, January 24th.

Deputy Chief Griswold spoke about Fire Prevention visiting local schools.

Ladder 5 out of service. Chief LeClaire requested an emergency purchase be made for new aerial platform for the City and would work with City Manager in revamping the CIP to reflect the department's current need.

Motion, to pursue an emergency purchase of a new aerial tower to replace Ladder 5, made by Chairman Wentworth, seconded by Commissioner Gamester, unanimous.

Reminder, Friday, September 28, 2007, dedication/christening ceremony planned for Fire Boat 1.

VII. Recognition of Groups or Individuals:

Chief LeClaire swore in Lieutenant Jason Gionet and Fire Inspector Carl Roediger.

VIII. Public Hearings: None.

IX. Non-public Session:

Motion, to enter in Non-public session at 1945 hours to discuss personnel matter, made by Chairman Wentworth, seconded by Commissioner Gamester.

Motion, to come out of Non-public at 2005 hours with no votes taken, made by Commissioner Gamester, seconded by Chairman Wentworth, unanimous.

X. Adjournment:

Motion, to adjourn at 2010 hours, made by Chairman Wentworth, seconded by Commissioner Gamester, unanimous.

Michael Hughes, Clerk