

Board of Warden and Burgesses
Annual Inspection of Firehouse Facility and Equipment ~ February 18, 2014

The Annual Inspection of the Borough of Stonington Firehouse Facility and Equipment was led by Fire Chief Hoadley at 7:00 PM in the Borough Firehouse. Present were Warden Jeffrey Callahan, Burgesses Michael Blair, Sibby Lynch, Howard Park, Robert Scala, and Clerk- Treasurer Brian Krafjack. Burgesses Michael Adair and Amy Nicholas were absent.

Inspection of Facility and Equipment:

1. The Facility and Equipment was inspected and found to be in good repair and working order as described by Chief Hoadley and as witnessed by the Board of Warden and Burgesses.

General:

1. Electrical Room:
 - a. Warden Callahan suggested that the items stored on the floor be relocated to another storage location; no storage should take place in the Electrical Room.
 - i. Space may be created during the Department reorganization process when all of the existing Company Rooms are no longer necessary.
2. Work Shop off of Truck Bays:
 - a. Warden Callahan suggested the rolls of obsolete hoses be discarded, perhaps freeing up space for storage of items currently located in the Electrical Room.
 - i. Chief Hoadley said that they like to keep some old hoses on hand because Borough residents frequently stop by in the Spring asking if any old hose is available for use as boat fenders.
 - b. Burgess Blair noted that half of the lamps in the light fixtures were not working.
 - i. Chief Hoadley said the lamps would be replaced.
 - ii. Burgess Blair suggested looking into a new State-run program that helps replace fluorescent lamps with LEDs.
 - iii. Warden Callahan said that a State-run energy conservation program would be discussed during the Board Meeting.
3. Radio Room:
 - a. Chief Hoadley explained that the manual fire box reader, while antiquated, is reliable.
 - b. Chief Hoadley said that a hard-wired connection to the Police Station was quoted to cost approximately \$70,000, and to have calls dispatched from the Westerly Station would cost approximately \$15,000 per year.
 - i. Burgess Blair asked if a self-contained cellular technology unit was available as an option to a hard-wired connection.
 - ii. Chief Hoadley will investigate.
 - c. Chief Hoadley said that, upon occasion, the quality/reliability of the dispatch from Station T has been questionable, and that sometimes the Police are called before the Fire Department.
 - i. Warden Callahan said he would like to be notified of specific cases when dispatches are problematic.
 - ii. Burgess Blair suggested that the Board make a specific request of Station T that the Fire Department is the first to be notified of a call.

4. Chief's Office:
 - a. Chief Hoadley said he would like to add a door from his office to the adjacent Fire/Police Company Room, which under the reorganized Department will become the new Company Officer's Room.

5. Exercise/Fitness Rooms:
 - a. Chief Hoadley said he would like to take down a portion of the wall between the two rooms to creating a better space for more exercise and fitness equipment.
 - b. Burgess Blair suggested closing off the door from the eastern room to the Ladies Rest Room corridor.
 - i. Chief Hoadley concurred, and suggested reusing the existing door, rather than buying a new door, for the Chief's Office/Company Officer's Room.

6. Company Rooms:
 - a. Uses will be explored for the existing Company Rooms once the Department reorganization takes place.
 - i. Suggestions were a Female Bunk Room and/or storage.

7. Male Bunk Room:
 - a. Chief Hoadley said that this room has been primarily used as a meeting room since beds were never purchased.
 - i. Burgess Lynch suggested Murphy beds as a way to preserve floor space and allow the room to continue to be used for multiple purposes.

8. Fire Trucks and Equipment:
 - a. Chief Hoadley pointed out the two trucks built in 1985; one has a 750 gallon capacity and the other has a 1,000 gallon capacity, noting both trucks should be replaced soon.
 - i. Chief Hoadley said that the pumper truck is no longer OSHA compliant because it has an open cab, and therefore has no trade in value.
 - ii. Chief Hoadley said the trucks could be sold on the open market, noting that one truck the Department replaced was sold to a fire department in Argentina.
 - b. Chief Hoadley said that the exhaust extraction system was recently inspected under its service contract and is functioning very well.
 - c. Burgess Blair asked if the overhead water-fill piping is used to fill the trucks.
 - i. Chief Hoadley said it comes in handy, especially in the winter months.
 - d. Burgess Scala asked if the air packs are up-to-date.
 - i. Chief Hoadley responded in the affirmative, noting that there are 15 air packs which are all 6 ½ years old.
 - ii. Chief Hoadley said the air packs have a 15 year life expectancy and cost approximately \$6,000 each, adding that it may be a good idea to establish a staggered replacement sequence so that they do not all have to be replaced at one time.

Adjournment:

1. The inspection adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Krafjack
Clerk- Treasurer