

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting for March

June 13, 2013

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:18 p.m. The Vice Chairman indicated that there are two Public Hearings on the agenda, both requesting relief Section 11-155 – Front Yard Parking. One from the resident at 18 Helen Ave. and the second agenda item for a variance at 97 Tompkins St., Cortland. The applicants for the variances were in attendance.

Discussion regarding the variance at 18 Helen Ave.

Moved by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Buttino to grant the variance as requested by the owner of 18 Helen Ave. conditional on a barrier being placed to protect the gas meter with the additional stipulation that shrubs or a fence being placed on the right of the driveway to prevent creeping further into the front of the house. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion regarding the variance at 97 Tompkins St.; Mr. Baccile noted there were only three occupants living there at any one time.

Moved by Commissioner Buttino, seconded by Commissioner Wood to grant the variance as requested by the owner of 97 Tompkins St. conditional on three delineated parking spots, a solid hedge on the street side of the parking area and a curb/barricade at the front of the parking area. All in favor, motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:25 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City of Cortland Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by Vice Chairman Quinlan. Board members present include Commissioner Buttino and Commissioner Wood. Commissioner Heath and Commissioner Hotchkiss were excused.

Also present were Fire Chief Charles Glover, Deputy Fire Chief Bill Knickerbocker, Deputy Fire Chief Bill Buttino, BOE President Greg Maxwell and Administrative Assistant Courtney Metcalf.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Buttino, seconded by Commissioner Wood to approve the May 2013 meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Buttino to approve the sick leave reports for May 2013. All in favor, motion carried.

Chief's Report:

In discussions with the Mayor regarding headquarters station.

The Smoke Detector Program has been a huge success; very good feedback from City residents.

Cortlandville Fire District had a public hearing regarding a waiver with NYS to allow them to have more than 45% of their members to live out of district. Chief Glover attended the hearing to discuss concerns he had with the waiver request.

The Fire Chief asked civil service to re- canvas for the firefighter position.

Discussions continue regarding a full time zoning officer.

Brief recap on two recent fires in the district

The aerial inspections and service have been complete and pump tests have been done.

Two bunkers have left the program after graduating from college; four new bunkers started the program in June.

New Business:

Moved by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Buttino to accept Jacob Brown as a new volunteer (Co. 1). All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Buttino, seconded by Commissioner Wood to accept Nicholas Grantham (Co. 3). All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Buttino to accept Erin Harmon as a new volunteer (Co. 3) pending necessary clearance and company approval. All in favor, motion carried.

The September Board of Fire Commissioners meeting will be moved to September 19, 2013.

Moved by Commissioner Buttino, seconded by Commissioner Wood to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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