

LADUE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2014

Present:

Col. William Francis, Jr., Chairman

Ms. Carol D. Gaskin

Mr. L. Shepley Hermann

Mr. Stephen C. Jones

Mr. John D. Schaperkotter

Mr. John P. Stupp, Jr.

Also present were Mayor Nancy Spewak, Police Chief Rich Wooten, Fire Chief John Bailot, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Johnson, and Mayoral Assistant Michael Wooldridge.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

The agenda was approved upon motion and second by Commissioners Gaskin and Schaperkotter.

The minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2014 were approved upon a motion of Commissioner Stupp and seconded by Commissioner Jones.

During an opportunity for public comment, none was offered.

Police Chief Wooten reviewed his monthly UCR report and then reviewed in detail the 2013 Annual Report. He noted only a very minor increase in overall crime statistics reported for the year making clear that the vast majority of crimes are those against property. Police Chief Wooten commented extensively on the racial composition of the statistics noting the Department's continued emphasis both on the Department as a whole as well as with individual officers in making sure that there is no racial component in criminal enforcement in the Ladue community.

He also commented on the policy for prescription drug disposal which was approved by the Commission in January and subsequently approved by the City Council. Commissioner Jones specifically asked Chief Wooten to review the policy with City Council to make sure there were no liability issues for the City associated with the design and implementation of the policy.

Chief Wooten indicated that there are two current candidates under review to replace resigned Telecommunications Officer Hughes.

Fire Chief Bailot reviewed his January and February monthly reports, the notable calls having been outlined in his materials and then proceeded to discuss more extensively his Annual Report for the Fire Department. He noted in particular, as a result of retirements, the considerably younger population in Fire Department personnel as well as the reported statistics on the extensive use of mutual aid by Ladue and its surrounding communities. He reviewed briefly a new EMS reporting software contract.

Fire Chief Bailot discussed mechanical issues with both Pumper 3914 and the Reserve Pumper 3990. He would later note that and receive approval from the Commission for a change in the maintenance approach using Rescue Repair, rather than internal personnel, to maintain the pumpers which will eliminate a small annual \$1,200 salary stipend that would be reallocated to the internal medical officer.

Fire Chief Bailot mentioned the adoption of several personal flotation devices which will be deployed on Pumper 3924 to deal with the possible flooding and rescue issues which Ladue has occasionally faced.

As indicated in his report, the Department has also purchased two single gas hydrogen cyanide detectors.

Fire Chief Bailot reported on the community mass notification system formation of which Commissioner Gaskin serves as a member. This has been previously discussed as a means to update obsolete software that would permit rapid city-wide notification of emergencies.

Fire Chief Bailot reported on the county-wide procedure involving St. Louis City Move-Up assistance. He asked for Commission approval which was obtained for the reappropriation of obsolete radios which will be re-deployed through the State Fire Marshall's Office.

Assistant Fire Chief Johnson reported on RACTAC-MACTAC where fire personnel along with police personnel are being trained for exigent circumstances involving active shooter situations.

Fire Chief Bailot discussed at length the construction update on Fire Station No. 2 along with the status of the project, weather-related issues, construction issues and other issues associated with the project budget. He asked that the Commission to approve the revised project budget which was moved by Chairman Francis and seconded by Commissioner Stupp and approved by the Commission.

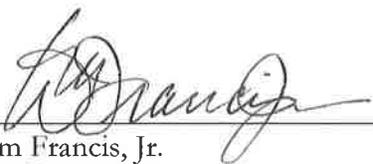
Fire Chief Bailot also reported on the planning for an installation of a traffic signal in front of Fire Station No. 2.

Fire Chief Bailot mentioned the interagency training group which is a change in the training concepts for department personnel, the funds which will be used by reallocation of other training funds.

Finally, Fire Chief Bailot discussed the ISO notice that the public protection classifications will be changing without any indication of what possible effect this may have on the Ladue community.

Commissioner Stupp then asked Fire Chief Bailot to review the procedure that the Department is using for grant writing which Fire Chief Bailot summarized for the Commission.

Commissioner Stupp moved for adjournment seconded by Commissioner Hermann which motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



William Francis, Jr.
Chairman



John D. Schaperkotter
Secretary