

East Side Fire Station Building Committee Regular Meeting

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980 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT

Monday, February 17, 2014

Call to Order: Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 1808 hours. A quorum was present.

1. **Roll Call**

Committee Members John Healy, Carmen Corvino, William Brennan, Judith Toohey, Alderman Phil Vetro, and Bill Bevan. Also present were Milford City Attorney Jonathan Berchem, Ret. Battalion Chief William Healey, and Attorney Jeff Donofrio.

2. **Minutes from January 15, 2014 Meeting**
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Committee Members Corvino and Bevan made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2014, regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Report of the Chairman**

Chairman Healy reported the TVSSs have been installed.

The Chairman said there are some areas of concern remaining. Door 3 (overhead door) is not operating correctly. An outside consultant reviewed the doors on February 15th. The consultant was aware of the specifications for the doors. One aspect of the doors that remains to be verified is if low-emission glass was installed. Committee Member Brennan added the specs for the glass have been requested for verification.

Chairman Healy commented the remote controls for the overhead doors are becoming problematic for the Firefighters, as they usually need to be held out the window of the vehicle to function properly. He said the receivers should be moved to a location other than the motor mount where they are currently. The Chairman said additional remotes may need to be purchased online as the ones currently in use have already shown significant wear and tear. He suggested the Committee allocate a certain amount of money to purchase additional remotes and move the receiver. Chairman Healy said the Firefighters should not be focused on the operation of the overhead doors; rather, they should be focused on moving apparatus safely into the street. Committee Member Toohey inquired if the Committee makes changes to the existing system if any warranty would be void; Chairman Healy said nothing is happening immediately, but the Committee still may allocate funds to move the receiver. He assured the Committee no warranty will be negated through this work. He suggested the Committee allocate an amount not to exceed \$400 to purchase eight additional remotes and move the receiver. Committee Member Vetro voiced his opinion that the Committee should not be responsible for the work.

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Committee Members Corvino and Brennan made and seconded a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$400 for the purchase of additional remotes and to move the receiver to the front wall of the apparatus bay.

Committee Members Corvino and Brennan vote yay.

Committee Members Toohey, Bevan, and Vetro vote nay.

Motion fails.

Chairman Healy explained the heat system remains an issue. CES has issued a report on February 3rd; R&R Mechanical has also issued a report on February 11th. At this point, CES needs to verify what R&R Mechanical has done to remediate the issue is consistent with what the designer said has to happen for the system to operate properly. The Chairman noted that the augmentation with portable heaters should not have happened. Chairman Healy said Mr. Bialecki is in possession of the as-builts for the system. Mr. Bialecki will forward the as-builts to Battalion Chief Wassmer. The Chairman said an objective third party will need to come and inspect the system and make recommendations for remediation.

Committee Member Brennan stated he originally thought that the entire system was gas heat, and later found out that the building was electric heat, with the apparatus bay being the only gas area. He stated there should have been discussion about the differential in operating costs between electric and gas heat, as well the efficiency prior to the installation approval.

Chairman Healy reported there is a leak in the roof. The roofer has been consulted on this issue; the roofer has stated the leak is not a product issue and it is not unusual with the recent weather conditions that a leak would form. The Chairman suggested a solution would be to add heat tape to the roof to alleviate any ice buildup. The roofer will not charge for installation.

Committee Members Vetro and Corvino made and seconded a motion to approve the installation of heat tape on the back of the station, per the roofing contractor's suggestion, in an amount not to exceed \$1500. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Healy informed the Committee the final commissioning report is forthcoming as the as-builts had just been received.

4. Executive Session

- a. Report from Attorney Donofrio on the status of legal claims.

Committee Members Bevan and Vetro made and seconded a motion to enter executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee invited Ret. Battalion Chief Healey, City Attorney Berchem, and Attorney Donofrio to remain during executive session.

The Committee entered executive session at 1835 hours.

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Committee Member Brennan and Ret. Battalion Chief Healey left the meeting at 1900 hours.

Committee Members Toohey and Bevan made and seconded a motion to return to open session.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee returned to open session at 1921 hours.

5. **Open Invoices**

a. Secretarial Fees

Committee Members Vetro and Bevan made and seconded a motion to pay the invoice in the amount of \$50 to Recording Secretary Colleen Birney from account 0040-4320-5527-4168-0000 (secretary). Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Adjournment**

Committee Members Corvino and Vetro made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 1922 hours.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by C. Birney