

## MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 23, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Pasquale Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Peter Criscuolo, Sam Muzio, Michael Zuccarelli, Daniel Fleming (arrived at 6:10 PM), Chief Vincent Landisio and Deputy Chief Frank Gersz and members of the department and public.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular Board of Fire Commissioners meetings. Commissioner Muzio made a motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2007. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded the motion.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes

Commissioner Criscuolo then made a motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2007. Commissioner Muzio seconded the motion.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes

Chief Landisio first thanked Ann DeMatteo of the New Haven Register for running the article on Christmas Day of the heart save patient the Fire Department recently honored at the December 19, 2007 meeting. It was a great story on a great day.

The Chief's report was then given. He reported that we continue to stay busy and the EMS calls are still in the 77% range. He then spoke of overlapping incidents in the department which were 1,217 during last year. He then discussed the summary of incident reports from 2007.

Chairman Nuzzolillo spoke of the skill and expertise of the fire service in the Town of North Haven. He then congratulated the Chief and all the staff for a job well done on the performance of the nine categories from the report.

Chief continued his report and asked that the company officer nominations be held in Executive Session. The Commission agreed. Chief then spoke of the intern David Kelsen of the University of New Haven. He started on 1/2/08 and has been a tremendous asset to the Fire Department. Chief stated that the annual report for the NFPA was sent out. Lastly, seven (7) members were taking their FFI test tonight with the swearing in ceremony at the next meeting.

Chief Landisio discussed the training in the department. The department has been training in CPR, all shifts were trained on the Petrogen Torch. All volunteers will be training on the torch Saturday, January 26, 2008. The TB

testing has been completed for the career firefighters and the Pulmonary Testing is scheduled for early February for all companies.

Chief then asked that the injury and sick leave be discussed in Executive Session. The commission agreed.

Chief Landisio spoke of correspondence in the department. A donation was received from a resident in the Town of North Haven. Chief sent letters out to area businesses thanking them for recognizing the firefighters at the holidays. Then there were a few letters received 1) North Haven Housing Authority thanked us for help with a water issue 2) Chief read a letter Mayor John DeStefano sent thanking the North Haven Fire Department for our assistance in last month's fire in New Haven and 3) a letter from a resident of North Haven thanking our department for assistance at the holidays for one of his family members. Lastly, Chief commented on an article in the area paper acknowledging two (2) seniors from North Haven High School that are volunteers in Company # 2.

Chairman Nuzzolillo received one (1) correspondence from the First Selectman's office asking to post meeting times, agendas and minutes on the web-site. The memo was turned over to the fire department.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business for the department. Homeland Security equipment continues to arrive. The gator has arrived for use with EMT's at Town functions. The status of grants are currently being issued 1) paramedic school was reduced by \$2,999.00 2) \$90,000 Fire Act Grant has one (1) purchase arriving January 31, 2008. The regional grant with West Haven Fire Department has been approved with our share of \$2,000.00 to be funded through our equipment line. The paramedic program began 1/7/08 with Firefighter Jeff Haag attending. Lastly, the budget has been changed and will be presented on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. in the First Selectman's conference room.

Some discussion was then made amongst the Commission and the Chief on the budget. Chairman Nuzzolillo then thanked the Board of Finance volunteers for their dedication in getting this budget completed.

Chief thanked the Apparatus Committee for finding out what equipment is needed to assure that all the apparatus is equipped identically. Purchases have been made to make that happen. Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked those members for a job well done. They were Chris Gersz Company # 2, Tim Mayer Company # 3 and Matt Passaro Company # 4.

Lastly, the Truss Construction was discussed. The department is still awaiting the video from Hamden fire. Some discussion was made amongst the Commission and the Chief on the best solution to keep the department safe.

Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked Commissioner Zuccarelli for his commitment to this mission.

Chief Landisio then spoke of new business in the department. Firefighter Garbati graduated December 20, 2007. Chairman Nuzzolillo extended congratulations from the Commission to Firefighter Garbati on a job well done. Chief continued thanking the Hamden-North Haven Elks for donating fifty (50) smoke detectors and twenty-five (25) CO monitors. Also, they are honoring Firefighter of the Year for both career and volunteer on February 23, 2008. All are invited. He then discussed the Annual Poster Contest for all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Three (3) students were chosen as winners with over 400 posters entered. Thank you to Local 2987 and the three (3) volunteer companies for their donations to the winners. Lastly, the department is contracting with Firehouse Software to expand usage of Firehouse Software in all the stations and becoming paper free by April 1, 2008.

Chairman Nuzzolillo congratulated all the winners of the Poster Contest and thanked the Union for sponsoring this event.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the good of the department. He stated that Santa Runs were very successful and a great fund raiser. Also, thank you to the three (3) volunteer companies for hosting their holiday parties.

Commissioner Criscuolo thanked Northeast Company # 4 for their Santa Run and Montowese Company # 2 for their invite.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to convene an executive session at 7:12 PM. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to elevate Firefighter Scott Garbati from Rank C to Rank B effective January 23, 2008. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept, effective immediately unfortunately, the resignations from Montowese Company # 2 volunteers Ronald DePoto and John Codeanne. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the following new Company Officers for Montowese Company # 2. They are Captain John McFarland, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Fred Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Mark Petrone, 1<sup>st</sup> Foreman Howard Capetta and 2<sup>nd</sup> Foreman Steve Coulon. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to accept the following new Company Officers for West Ridge Company # 3. They are Captain Walter Munzner, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Joe Munzner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Pete Barbiero, 1<sup>st</sup> Foreman Robert Kenny and 2<sup>nd</sup> Foreman Joe Scully. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Fleming made a motion to accept the following new Company Officers for Northeast Company # 4. They are Captain Roger Neville, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Carl Viens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Anthony Minicucci, 1<sup>st</sup> Foreman Robert Kovach and 2<sup>nd</sup> Foreman Robert Santora. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo made a motion that the new Company Officers be retroactive to January 1, 2008. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo then asked the Local 2987 union representative if he had anything to share at this time. Firefighter Januszewski stated not at this time.

Commissioner Criscuolo added he had a medical incident at his home and thanked Firefighters Martus & Garbati for being true professionals.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved for adjournment at 7:33 PM. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Criscuolo, Secretary

The next Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2008 at the Park & Rec. Center in the Game Room at 6:00 P.M.