

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Sam Muzio, Michael Zuccarelli, Daniel Fleming, Chief Vincent Landisio and Deputy Chief Frank Gersz. Absent from the meeting was Commissioner Peter Criscuolo.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular Board of Fire Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Muzio made a motion to rescind the motion made by Commissioner Criscuolo at the July 23, 2008 to elevate Firefighter Garbati to Grade A due to the fact it was premature by six (6) months. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo abstained from voting as he was not at the July 23, 2008 meeting.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for a moment of silence to honor two (2) association members that were dedicated, loyal volunteers supporting the fire service. A moment of silence was taken. Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the commission sends their deepest condolences to their families.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular Board of Fire Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Muzio made a motion to accept the minutes of July 23, 2008 with the above correction. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo abstained from voting as he was not at the July 23, 2008 meeting.

The Chief's report was then given. He reported that we continue to stay busy and the EMS calls are in the 71% range. He discussed a structure fire on Ezra Street and two (2) fatalities on the highway. Lastly, he spoke of department issues and training that took place during the month. He then thanked the Paul Mitchell Academy for their commitment to the fire department in honoring the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the commission thanked the Paul Mitchell Academy for their generosity and kindness in remembering 9-11.

Chief then asked that the grievances, injury and sick leave be discussed in executive session. Chairman Nuzzolillo agreed.

Chief Landisio spoke of correspondence in the department. Chief stated he received letters from Governor Jodi Rell declaring Saturday, September 6, 2008 as Firefighter Day, a thank you from the Hexter Family, a resident's letter

regarding AMR concerns (not for Board of Fire Commission), a resignation letter which was deferred to executive session and a letter from Local 2987 regarding dispatch issues.

Chairman Nuzzolillo read a letter he received from Local 2987 regarding the dispatch issues. He then read the reply letter he sent.

Chief Landisio spoke regarding the issues and the two (2) departments are working together to address and correct the problems as needed. There was further discussion amongst the commissioners. Chief Landisio will report back to the commission with any feedback. The commission asked the Chief to prepare a report stating other dispatch options that may be available.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business for the department. He discussed the grants that were applied for by the department, the final budget for fiscal year 07/08 and the computer situation at the volunteer companies.

Chief Landisio then spoke of new business in the department. He discussed the Italian Festival, North Haven Fair and the International Association of Fire Chief's convention in Denver that he attended.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the good of the department. He discussed the following events; a stryker stretcher was donated for the new emergency unit on August 12, 2008, State Fire Convention in Cromwell (North Haven will host this convention in 2012), safety presentations, bike helmet and the buy-a-brick program. Lieutenant Jeff Obier was present on spoke on both of the Union subjects. Brief discussion was had amongst the commissioners and Lieutenant Jeff Obier.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the commission stated the buy-a-brick program is a wonderful way to honor a loved one and show your appreciation to the fire department. It's a memory for a lifetime.

Chief Landisio then introduced Retired Firefighter Marty Carlo Jr. who presented the Chief and the Commissioners with two (2) framed pictures of the fleet of the fire department. Chief Landisio then thanked him for his dedication to the department and for all he does throughout the year.

Commissioner Zuccarelli then spoke of a concern he had while observing the Steve Fontana show regarding fire department overtime. Chief Landisio will look into the situation.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Muzio moved to convene an executive session at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to accept the applications of Jose Otero and Nicholas Kupac of Montowese Company # 2 to become volunteer firefighters effective after all preliminary testing has been successfully completed. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to accept the resignation of Walter Munzner as Captain of West Ridge Company # 3 effective August 12, 2008. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Muzio moved for adjournment at 7:16 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Criscuolo, Secretary

**The next Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2008 at the Park & Rec . Center in the Game Room at 6:00 P.M.**