

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 19, 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, Peter Criscuolo, Daniel Fleming and Chief Vincent Landisio. Absent from the meeting was Deputy Chief Frank Gersz.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular Board of Fire Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of October 22, 2008. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

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

The Chief's report was then given. He reported that we continue to stay busy and the EMS calls are in the 73% range. He spoke of two (2) fires recently in Town. He spoke of department issues and training that took place during the month. Lastly, he spoke of the MADD Red Ribbon kick off held at Fire Headquarters on November 12, 2008.

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

Chief Landisio spoke of correspondence in the department. Chief stated he received a letter from a young man Justin Moore, 6 years old, whom recently visited the department and wanted to thank us.

Chairman Nuzzolillo read a letter he received from Criscuolo Chiropractic Health Center on providing a health and wellness program for the department.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business for the department. He spoke that the Sponsor Hospital Ride Program has begun and EMT's have been coming to headquarters to ride along. The Chief then discussed the grants that are pending in the department and the dispatch issues situation still being reviewed. The commission then had brief discussion about the dispatch issue.

Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked the Police Chief and the Fire Chief for their time and commitment in viewing tapes and communications. He then asked the President of Local 2987 to speak on the issue.

President Jeff Obier stated they are continuing to document calls to help resolve issues. He then spoke of Tip-A-Firefighter being a huge success for the Burn Foundation and thanked Outback Steakhouse. Lastly, he spoke of staffing issues in order to have proper manpower.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then had more discussion with the union president in regard to contract negotiations. He then thanked the Professional Firefighters for all their hard work with Tip-A-Firefighter.

Chief Landisio then stated he had no new business in the department.

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Chief Landisio then spoke of the good of the department. He discussed the following events; three (3) volunteer companies are participating in a Food Drive, Montowese Company # 2 is running a Toy Drive to benefit the closet at Yale New Haven Hospital. Lastly, Santa will be coming through Town again on the fire engines, call headquarters for any information.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then asked Joseph Scully of West Ridge Company # 3 to speak on behalf of the recent fund raiser they held. Joseph Scully thanked everyone for all their support in the recent fund raiser for Annette Wilson. Approximately 300 people attended and they raised more than \$8,200.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved to convene an executive session at 6:35 PM. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the resignations of Montowese Company # 2 members Ray Bessette and Thomas Corrone effective November 19, 2008. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to accept the applications of Jason Smith and Christopher Smith of West Ridge Company # 3 as probationary members effective after all preliminary testing has been successfully completed. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to accept the application of Eric Gaudio of Northeast Company # 4 as a probationary member effective after background and preliminary testing has been successfully completed. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

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

Commissioner Fleming made a motion to deny the application of Christopher Brunner of Montowese Company # 2. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Muzio moved for adjournment at 7:01 PM. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Criscuolo, Secretary

**The next Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2008 at the Park & Rec. Center in the Game Room at 6:00 P.M.**