

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 18, 2009

A special 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, Chief Vincent Landisio and Deputy Chief Frank Gersz. Absent from the meeting was Commissioner Daniel Fleming.

Chairman Nuzzolillo was pleased to advise the Town of North Haven that on February 27, 2009, in a news release, Joe Lieberman and Christopher Dodd announced that more than \$1 million was allocated for Fire Departments in Connecticut. The Town of North Haven could possibly be receiving \$433,520 of that if passed at a referendum on May 19, 2009.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then gave a history overview regarding the hiring of four (4) paramedics for this program. He then asked Chief Landisio to give his presentation on how this process will work.

Chief Landisio then stated that he spoke with First Selectman Janet McCarty and she is supportive of the program. However, she could not be at the meeting tonight due to other commitments. Chief then stated that the preliminary figures are an estimate of costs. He then proceeded with his presentation of the Safer Act Grant and how it would benefit the Town of North Haven.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the services that are to be provided to the taxpayers. He also stated the differences between an EMT versus a Paramedic when it comes to medical emergencies. The commission then had brief discussion on all the benefits of this program.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the budget matrix of paramedic service estimates and the minimal cost to the Town of North Haven over a five (5) year span. The commission then briefly discussed the benefits to taxpayers considering there have been over 70% of EMS calls monthly throughout the past several years.

Chief Landisio then briefly spoke of Local 2987 and a creative collective bargaining agreement could help this program run more cost efficiently. The referendum is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2009 and if passed the department should be ready on May 20, 2009 and possibly ready to start up on July 1, 2009. The commissioners then had comments and brief discussion.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then spoke of the program and the Town of North Haven being better served by a Paramedic Program. Taxpayers and business owners deserve the best possible support within moments of the 911 call coming in.

Chief Landisio then asked the Commission to give him the latitude to put together a hiring list and run an exam in the Town of North Haven. Commissioners then spoke briefly on a hiring list.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to give Chief Landisio 100% latitude to start the process and put forward a hiring list in case the referendum gets approved to start the paramedic program. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo then asked if there were any questions of the public. Hearing none and there being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved for adjournment at 6:32 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Criscuolo, Secretary

The next regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2009 at the Park & Rec. Center in the Game Room at 6:00 P.M.