

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

JULY 22, 2009

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

Commissioner Muzio asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners on June 24, 2009 and a motion for approval of the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners on July 9, 2009. Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of both the meetings. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

The Chief's report was given; he spoke of items involving the department including alarms. He then briefly discussed the special meeting on July 9, 2009 with regard to the recruit firefighter/paramedic position. A thank you letter was sent to all the applicants that interviewed and a decision will be made mid-August with the new recruits starting the Fire Academy in September. He then discussed the final budget which has not been released yet. Overall the budget should be good with the exception of the contractual salary increase obligations. He then spoke of training that has been performed within the department. Lastly, he stated there was no sick or injury to discuss.

Chief Landisio spoke of correspondence in the department. Chief stated he received a correspondence from the Board of Selectman, a town resident thanking us for treatment, a thank you from one (1) of the candidates for the firefighter/paramedic position and lastly, a letter from 1st Lieutenant Sam Muzio with regard to Fire-Police to be discussed in executive session. Commissioner Muzio agreed.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business for the department. He spoke of the FFI program stating all but one (1) candidate passed the FFI test; the haz-mat operations part of the program they did not do so well; the swearing in ceremony is tentative for the September 2009 meeting of the Board of Fire Commission. Lastly, the grants are still pending but still hopeful that the department should be receiving the grant to purchase the smoke detectors.

Chief Landisio then spoke of new business in the department. He stated the letter he received from Fire-Police will be discussed in executive session. Also, he stated he applied for a FEMA grant for construction work at Fire Headquarters. A brief discussion was held amongst the commissioners and the Chief.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the good of the department. He stated the fill the boot program for MDA will start taking place on Friday's on the streets of North Haven during July and August.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved to convene an executive session at 6:15 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Commissioner Muzio moved to reconvene the meeting at 6:22 PM.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept Anthony LaVorgna as a permanent member of Montowese Company # 2, effective immediately. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to reassign Peter Mills of Northeast Company # 4 from Fire Company to Fire-Police, effective immediately after completion of Fire-Police training. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

Commissioner Criscuolo then on behalf of the commission thanked Peter Mills for forty (40) years of service to the Town of North Haven as an officer and also as a firefighter.

Commissioner Fleming made a motion to appoint Rollin Hickcox of Montowese Company # 2, Richard Gelinas of West Ridge Company # 3 and Phil James of Northeast Company # 4 as 2nd Lieutenants of Fire-Police, effective immediately. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Chief Landisio then read a thank you letter from Kelly Bennett the camera girl of NHTV who recently graduated and the commission gave her a token of their appreciation.

Commissioner Muzio then asked for public comment. There was none.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved for adjournment at 6:32 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Criscuolo, Secretary

The next Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2009 at the Park & Rec. Center in the Game Room at 6:00 P.M.