

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chairman Pasquale Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Sam Muzio, Peter Criscuolo, Michael Zuccarelli, Daniel Fleming and Chief Vincent Landisio. Absent from the meeting was Deputy Chief Gersz.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for a moment of silence in honor of ex-Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission, Frank Annunziato and also for volunteer firefighter Joseph Lambert of East Haven.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners on July 22, 2009. Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of July 22, 2009. Commissioner Muzio seconded. Commissioner Muzio then made a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners on August 11, 2009. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, 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 swearing in ceremony of the recruit firefighters held on September 3, 2009. He thanked all who supported this program, it was a proud day. The paramedic program should be ready to start in January 2010. He then discussed the press conference held on September 9, 2009 promoting the Smoke Detector Program which is now underway. He then thanked Deputy Chief for a great job working with Quinnipiac University seeing that they met all CT Fire Safety Code requirements. The final budget was released and though they were slightly over (sending two (2) people through Paramedic School & the contractual salary increase obligations) the line items were properly funded. Chief then spoke of training that has been performed within the department. Lastly, he stated there was no injury leave and asked that sick leave be discussed in executive session, Chairman Nuzzolillo agreed.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanked Deputy Chief Gersz for all his work at Quinnipiac University and then thanked Chief Landisio on managing his budget.

Chief Landisio spoke of correspondence in the department. Chief stated he had several correspondences that were received and sent out. Chairman Nuzzolillo then read a letter that he sent to Chief Landisio on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanking him for all of his accomplishments in the department to date. Chief Landisio thanked the commission and stated he was grateful for all their support. Commissioner Zuccarelli then made a motion to put the letter in the Chief's personal file. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

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

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business for the department. He spoke of the FFI program still waiting on results. Lastly, there are three (3) grants still pending in the department.

Chief Landisio then spoke of new business in the department. He spoke of the North Haven Fair and the great job done by the department members; he sent a press release out on winter safety tips; FF II class has begun with orientation. Lastly, Northeast Company # 4 Association is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on November 7, 2009 at Fantasia. All are welcome! There is currently a big banner hanging outside of Northeast Company # 4. A brief discussion was held amongst the commissioners and the Chief on this subject.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the good of the department. He stated that Bike Helmet Day was held the past two (2) Saturdays. He thanked Firefighter Riggs and all who participated in making this such a successful program. The career firefighters participated in the fill the boot program for MDA raising approximately \$6,000 for this wonderful organization. He then thanked all who contributed. Lastly, the convention took place this year in Litchfield County and our department participated, he stated that we will be hosting this event in 2012, the department’s 100th Anniversary.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanked Firefighter Riggs and all the committee members for all they do in making Bike Helmet Day such a success. Also, thank you to all the career firefighters for raising \$6,000 for MDA.

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 Muzio made a motion to accept the applications of Branden Carey & Michael Nuzzi as probationary members of West Ridge Company # 3 pending medical approval, effective immediately. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.
Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to open all borders in connection with the rules and regulations that are currently enforced to recruit volunteer firefighters for all companies, effective immediately. 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 Criscuolo moved for adjournment at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.
Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo then asked if there was any public comment. Mr. Phil James then spoke in reference to the hiring process in the Town of North Haven with regard to the volunteers. He asked if the Commission could look into his request. Chairman Nuzzolillo stated they would take his request under advisement.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Criscuolo, Secretary

The next Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2009 at the Park & Rec. Center in the Game Room at 6:00 P.M.