

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 16, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Pasquale Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Sam Muzio, Peter Criscuolo, Michael Zuccarelli, Daniel Fleming, Chief Vincent Landisio and Deputy Chief Gersz. First Selectman, Mr. Michael Freda was also in attendance to conduct the organizational meeting.

Chairman Nuzzolillo introduced Mr. Freda to conduct the organizational meeting.

First Selectman, Michael Freda wished all a Happy Holiday and then asked for nominations of the Board of Fire Commission.

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to nominate Pasquale Nuzzolillo as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to nominate Sam Muzio as Vice Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission. Chairman Nuzzolillo seconded.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo made a motion to nominate Michael Zuccarelli as Secretary of the Board of Fire Commission. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

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

Mr. Freda congratulated all the commissioners and thanked them all for their efforts in regard to the Fire Department.

Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked First Selectman, Michael Freda for conducting the Organizational Meeting on behalf of the fire service. He then thanked the public on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission for all their support during the election for Michael Zuccarelli and himself. Also, he thanked all the firefighters and their families for all they do including Chief Landisio and Deputy Chief Gersz. Happy holidays to all.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners held on November 18, 2009. Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of November 18, 2009. Commissioner Muzio 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; training that has been performed within the department; the recruit's graduation will be held on December 18, 2009 at 1:30 PM in Hartford - the department is proud to begin the paramedic program by January 1, 2010 it has been a long journey getting here; he discussed the budget; and last meeting the commission asked that he review a video of a show regarding the Fire Ops and he showed no problem with show. Lastly, he stated injury/sick leave report and Company Officer nominations be discussed in executive session, Chairman Nuzzolillo agreed.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission again thanked all members of the department for their commitment and dedication to the Smoke Detector Program. Then there was brief discussion about the Smoke Detector Program.

Chief Landisio spoke of correspondence in the department. Chief spoke of the responses the department received from the residents with regard to the Smoke Detector Program.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business for the department. He spoke of the grants still pending in the department; the Firefighter II class has completed their practical and will be taking the written; lastly, the H1N1 vaccine is being offered by QVHD to the public on December 22, 2009 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street.

Chief Landisio then spoke of new business in the department. He spoke with the Captains of the volunteer stations regarding an Activity Policy. Chief and Deputy Chief are looking at it closely and hope to have a new policy in place by January 2010. Lastly, the poster contest ceremony will be on January 4, 2010.

Commissioner Criscuolo spoke about making four (4) captains and elevating Lieutenants. He also stated there is no advancement for Grade A firefighters. There was discussion had amongst the commission. Chief Landisio stated an internal expansion would be good but at this point it needs to be cost neutral.

Then there was discussion of department head's being included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

Chief Landisio then spoke of the good of the department. He spoke of Tip-A-Firefighter being held at Outback on December 3rd & 4th, 2009, great turnout and all monies go the CT Burn Foundation. Santa runs have already started and will continue through Christmas Eve. Lastly, Chief invited all commissioners to go to Montowese Company # 2 and see the basement and all the toys that have been collected for the Yale New Haven Hospital Toy Closet. The generosity of the public has been tremendous.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanked everyone involved in the toy closet program for their dedication on making this such a successful endeavor.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Muzio moved to convene an executive session at 6:40 PM. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.
Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 6:56 PM.

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to accept the applications of Shawn Zayas & Jeff Bradley of Montowese Company # 2 as probationary members 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 accept Company Officers for Montowese Company # 2 as follows: Captain John McFarland, 1st Lieutenant Fred Peters, 2nd Lieutenant Mark Petrone, 1st Foreman Raymond Prunier and 2nd Foreman Paul Zadrozny, effective January 1, 2010. Commissioner Muzio seconded.
Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to accept Company Officers for Northeast Company # 4 as follows: Captain Roger Neville, 1st Lieutenant Carl Viens, 2nd Lieutenant Anthony Minicucci, 1st

Foreman Robert Kovach and 2nd Foreman Robert Santora, effective January 1, 2010. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to accept Company Officers for West Ridge Company # 3 as follows: Captain Peter Barbiero, 1st Lieutenant Tim Mayer, 2nd Lieutenant Robert Kenny, 1st Foreman Maurice Varney and 2nd Foreman Thomas Crilly, effective January 1, 2010. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

Chief Landisio stated that the department will be checking into the availability of the room at the Library to hold the Board of Fire Commission meetings there in 2010. They are set up for access to NHTV and it would be easier for all involved. Chief wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all and to Phil James who has been ill, a speedy recovery.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Muzio moved for adjournment at 7:02 PM. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Zuccarelli, Secretary

The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2010 at the Park & Rec. Center in the Game Room at 6:00 P.M.