

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

DECEMBER 18, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Pasquale Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Sam Muzio, Michael Zuccarelli, Peter Criscuolo, Joseph Cappucci, Chief Vincent Landisio and Deputy Chief David Marcarelli. Also present for this meeting was First Selectman Michael Freda.

Chief Landisio then stated it was with great pleasure to present to First Selectman Michael Freda, the Board of Fire Commission and to the families the seven (7) members of the department for their swearing in ceremony as volunteers of this great department. He also thanked them for their commitment while going through the State Certification course and passing their Firefighter I class.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then read the oath to volunteer firefighters from Montowese Company # 2: Adam Benninger, Cory Cristante and Tom DeChello; from West Ridge Company # 3: Ryan Connelly, Scott Henderson and Rhonda Martin; from Northeast Company # 4: Michael Wurm. He thanked them for educating themselves and for the commitment to the Town of North Haven’s residents and the department’s commitment to keep them safe and well trained. He also thanked their families. Lastly, he thanked all the instructors and to Captain Tim Mayer for all they do and their commitment to this department as well.

Chairman Nuzzolillo introduced First Selectman Mr. Freda to conduct the organizational meeting per the Town Charter.

First Selectman, Michael Freda first thanked all the new members that joined the volunteer ranks and an overall thank you to the North Haven Fire Department for their commitment to the residents of the Town of North Haven. He wished all a Happy Holiday and then asked for nominations of the Board of Fire Commission.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to nominate Pasquale Nuzzolillo as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission. Commissioner Cappucci seconded. Then Commissioner Criscuolo closed nominations.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo made a motion to nominate Sam Muzio as Vice Chairman of the Board of Fire Commission. Commissioner Cappucci seconded. Then Commissioner Cappucci closed nominations.

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

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to nominate Michael Zuccarelli as Secretary of the Board of Fire Commission. Chairman Nuzzolillo seconded. Then Commissioner Cappucci closed nominations.

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

Mr. Freda congratulated all the commissioners and thanked them all for their efforts and outstanding commitment to the Fire Department and to this commission. He also thanked the entire fire department staff for all their service.

Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked First Selectman, Michael Freda for conducting the Organizational Meeting on behalf of the fire service and wished him and his family a very Happy Holiday. He then thanked his fellow commission members for all their help in making this an honor to Chair this commission. He also thanked each of the career firefighters for a job well done all year long and to the volunteers for their dedication to this department and the residents of this town.

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to accept the minutes of November 20, 2013. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

The Chief's report was given by Chief Landisio; he spoke of items involving the department such as the alarms; the current budget status; fire marshal inspections; building projects right on schedule Company # 1 and Company # 2 completion date as of now is March 1, 2014; and the training that has been completed.

Chairman Nuzzolillo toured fire headquarters and stated it is beautiful and exciting to be a part of this project. He invited all commissioners to tour them and see the progress being made.

Chief Landisio stated the department had one (1) letter that went out to First Selectman Michael Freda in regard to capital item needs. Chairman Nuzzolillo read the letter.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business in the department. The EMS Committee is putting together a business plan for January; and two (2) specs for a new E1 apparatus should be going out shortly.

Chief Landisio spoke of the new business in the department. He stated he needed two (2) motions made for a FF upgrade and for a volunteer to be reinstated.

Commissioner Michael Zuccarelli made a motion to upgrade FF Chris Spoldi to FF B status effective 12/6/13. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to take Matt Prunier of Montowese Company # 2 off of leave of absence and back to active duty, effective immediately. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

Chief Landisio discussed the good of the department. He spoke briefly of FF Pat Marcarelli who will be retiring after 40 years of service in mid-January 2014. There will be more discussion at the next meeting of the Board of Fire Commission. Chief Landisio then stated with that said he would like to keep the hiring list active. The

commissioners agreed to keep the list active and gave permission for the Fire Chief to contact the applicants to see if they are still available for hire.

Chairman Nuzzolillo spoke briefly of FF Pat Marcarelli and congratulated him. There will be further discussion at the next Board of Fire Commission meeting. He then asked the President of Local 2987 if he had any comments.

President Anthony DeSimone stated not at this time but he would like to wish the commission and the office of the fire department a very happy holiday season.

No executive session was held at this meeting.

Chief Landisio wished all a Happy Healthy Holiday Season to all members of the commission, staff and residents of the Town of North Haven.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission also wished everyone a Happy Holiday! He also thanked the Town residents for the newly renovated building project and for their consideration on the appropriate equipment that is needed for this department. Happy Holiday to one and all and always be safe!

Therefore, there being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Zuccarelli moved for adjournment at 6:35 PM. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Zuccarelli, Secretary

**The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2014 at the Park & Rec. Center in Game Room at 6:00 P.M.**