

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

MAY 28, 2014

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.

Chairman Nuzzolillo opened the meeting and turned it over to Chief Landisio to make the presentations of the Heart Save Awards. The firefighters on the calls were awarded their pins by the patients of each incident.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanked the firefighters on a job well done.

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on April 23, 2014. Commissioner Cappucci seconded.

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

Commissioner Criscuolo asked for a correction to the special meeting minutes. A lengthy discussion was had amongst the commissioners and Chief Landisio regarding the donation of the memorial garden in front of Fire Headquarters. Commissioner Criscuolo then made a motion to change the special meeting minutes to reflect what he stated. No second on the motion was made so Chairman Nuzzolillo denied his motion.

Commissioner Muzio then made a motion to accept the special meeting minutes of May 20, 2014. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-no, Cappucci-yes

The Chief's report was then given by Chief Landisio; he spoke of items involving the department such as the alarms; the upcoming F/Y 14/15 budget; the current F/Y 13/14 budget status; Co. 1 & Co. 2's completion; 15 Broadway, house turned back over to the Town; funding for new roof at Co. 3; missing picture of Ret. Chief Merola during the move; lastly the training that has been completed within the department. He stated he would have a lengthy executive session.

The commission had some questions regarding the Chief's report.

Chief Landisio stated the department had several correspondences: thank you letter to Commissioner Criscuolo; thank you letter from one of the heart save patients; and a thank you that was sent to Chief Peter Struble at University of New Haven for his strategic plan of the fire department. Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if any other correspondences were had amongst the commission. Commissioner Muzio had a thank you from North Haven PTSA for the help provided by the Fire-Police in keeping the runners safe the day of their Road Race.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business in the department. He discussed the upcoming building projects beginning soon at Companies 3 & 4. He appreciates all the cooperation from all the firefighters while construction takes place. He discussed the new rescue which is still scheduled for delivery mid-July. An addendum to the purchase order was made for proper lettering on the vehicle. Lastly, he spoke briefly of the Strategic Plan and will share with all the captains of volunteer companies.

Brief discussion was had amongst the commission regarding the hiring of a mechanic.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated that Chief Landisio and this commission will continue making their annual pitch and presentation to keep pushing for a mechanic in the fire department.

Chief Landisio spoke of the new business in the department. He spoke of the North Haven Police SWAT Team’s interest in a paramedic joining their team. Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to appoint a paramedic to the SWAT Team. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Chief Landisio then spoke about Public Relations for the department. He handed out a flyer to all the commissioners and stated they will discuss it more during next month’s meeting.

Chief Landisio discussed the good of the department. He spoke of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; the Memorial Day Parade; Graduation of new Recruit Tyler Grailich; lastly, FF Rich Filosi who is participating in a “Hike for Holly” 32 days/340 miles to raise awareness to Tay-Sachs Disease which took the life of his niece Holly.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanked Montowese Company # 2 for hosting the picnic after the Memorial Day Parade.

Brief discussion was had amongst the commission regarding the plaque for the deceased volunteers. Chief Landisio will get information for the commission. Also, Commissioner Zuccarelli asked for permission to meet with Town department’s to discuss anti dote for heroin, possibly getting a grant to purchase. Chairman Nuzzolillo stated please proceed.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Muzio motioned to convene an executive session at 7:27 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Commissioner Cappucci made a motion to accept the retirement of John Heeran & Rollin Hickcox of Company # 2 Fire-Police. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

Commissioner Cappucci made a motion to accept the resignation of John Tondalo Fire-Police and volunteer Mark Powell of Company # 4. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

Commissioner Cappucci made a motion to promote Richard Gelinas to 1st Lt. of Fire-Police to replace Sam Muzio who will be stepping down as 1st Lt. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Commissioner Cappucci made a motion to accept Michael DeMayo of Company # 3 as a probationary member, pending medical. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

Commissioner Cappucci made a motion to take John McFarland off his Leave of Absence, pending medical. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

Commissioner Cappucci made a motion to dismiss Michael Nuzzi of Company # 3 and Brandon Devlin of Company # 4, effective immediately.

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

Commissioner Criscuolo thanked the Board and the Fire Chief.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if there were any public comments. None were heard.

Therefore, there being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved for adjournment at 8:05 PM. Commissioner Cappucci 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 June 25, 2014 meeting place to be determined.