

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 4, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Pat Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Michael Zuccarelli, William Mitchell, Peter Criscuolo, Joseph Cappucci, Chief Vincent Landisio and Deputy Chief David Marcarelli.

Chief Landisio then stated it was with great pleasure to present to the Board of Fire Commission and to the families the three (3) 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: Matthew Prunier; from West Ridge Company # 3: George Givens & Justin Orlando. 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.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2014. Commissioner Mitchell seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mitchell-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; fire department’s budget presentation; current budget status; two (2) of the department’s volunteers that have joined career fire departments Jeffrey Johnson & Zachary Criscuolo; training that has been completed; lastly, thank you to Edible Arrangements owner who is a North Haven resident for his generous donation made to the department for new equipment. He stated sick and injury report to be discussed in executive session.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanked Edible Arrangements for their generous donation to the department.

Chief Landisio spoke of two (2) letters he received from members of the department thanking us for the department’s professionalism in their time of need.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business in the department. He discussed the current progress of the building projects at Co. # 3 & Co. # 4; VEOCI training – recordkeeping system; and lastly applied for grants for extrication equipment and are waiting to hear back.

Chief Landisio spoke of new business in the department. He stated he would need a motion replacing Jeff Johnson as Lieutenant at West Ridge with Mark Osenko.

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to remove Jeff Johnson as Lieutenant at West Ridge and replace him with Mark Osenko as Lieutenant, effective immediately. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

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

Chief Landisio thanked all the members of the department during the past couple of storms we have had for their help. Also, thank you to the volunteers for standing-by at their stations until we dismissed them and then asked them to do hydrant detail with regard to snow removal.

Chief Landisio discussed the good of the department. He spoke of several events coming up in the department to help raise funds for good causes such as St. Baldrick's and Air Flight Stair Climb as well as Firefighter of the Year hosted by the North Haven/Hamden Elks. This year's recipients are Firefighter Ronald Prisco and Volunteer Captain Robert Santora.

Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked Town of North Haven public works, police and fire department staff for their hard work and the cooperation of all involved with keeping the town safe during the recent storms and assisting residents.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo motioned to convene an executive session at 6:35 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 6:53 PM.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if there were any public comments.

Third Selectwoman Sally Buemi spoke of several issues she had regarding the department such as hiring a mechanic within the department; sewerage backup issue at headquarters; lastly, the new buildings facades and differences made from first meeting with original architect's drawings. Lengthy discussion was had amongst Chief Landisio and the commissioners.

Commissioner Zuccarelli left the meeting.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if any other further public comments and none were heard.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Criscuolo moved for adjournment at 7:40 PM. Commissioner Cappucci seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Mitchell-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Cappucci-yes

Respectfully submitted,

William Mitchell, Secretary

The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2015 at Montowese Company # 2 community room.