

Town of North Branford Board of Fire Commissioners

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #3

OCTOBER 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Civitello called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Joseph Civitello, Vice Chairman Ed Prunier and Commissioners Kenneth Ash, Andrew Campion and Anthony DellaCamera.

OTHERS: Officers: Chief William Seward, Deputy Chief Anthony Esposito, Deputy Chief Training Officer Robert Colangelo, Assistant Chief of Training Mark Amatrudo, Deputy Fire Marshal John O'Brien, Captains Richard Lennon, Kevin Lyon, Ken Neubig (arrived 9:07 p.m.) and Eugene Stabile, Lieutenants Corey Roberts, John Rossotto and Steve Torino. **OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:** Mayor Anthony Candelora, Council liaison to Board.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: None.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Prunier, that the Board approve the Minutes of the August 13, 2015 Special Meeting. On roll call, four in favor, and one abstention by Commissioner Campion due to his absence from that meeting. Vice-Chairman Prunier made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Campion, that the Board approve the Minutes of the September 3, 2015 Regular Meeting. On roll call, three in favor and two abstentions by Chairman Civitello and Commissioner DellaCamera due to their absence from that meeting.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: The Fire Marshal's Report for September was distributed listing 158 calls. A report was distributed from Deputy Chief Colangelo.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORT FROM CHIEF: Chief Seward distributed his report for the month of September, 2015. He informed the Board that Tanker 3 should be ready mid-November and the bid allows for three personnel to attend the inspection, possibly the week prior to Thanksgiving. Regarding Rescue 22, three bids were received and the bid from New England Fire Apparatus and Equipment exceeds the \$375,000 which was voted on by the Board. Prior to a purchase order being issued, the bid amount will be brought before the Town Council. Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Campion, to recommend to the Town Council that the increase to \$383,456 for the lease/purchase amount for Rescue 22 be approved. On roll call, all in favor. Regarding MEDCOM, the Chief advised that some issues still exist, i.e. poor communications, issues with dispatchers, etc. He noted that additional equipment is being installed on East Rock to provide additional capabilities for communication.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Chief informed the Board that new dispatchers haven't received training from the Chief as of yet. He informed the membership of the requirement that the correct badges and patches be worn on uniforms at all times. The scheduling of annual physicals has been

arranged. The Chief encouraged those who receive their physicals elsewhere due to outside employment to supply their paperwork to him. A General Order regarding training was revised and reissued by the Chief. The requirements for training were discussed and Deputy Chief of Training Colangelo and Assistant Chief of Training Amatrudo outlined OSHA requirements and discussed why offering different nights and times didn't work in the past. Chief Seward requires that the training be documented with signing in and out at all training exercises. This is required for OSHA regulations. There was a discussion about the need for a second dispatcher and the possible revision to the Charter in order to make dispatchers responsible to a board instead of the Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board was provided an update on the fire training facility. The bid was awarded to Al Rose Construction LLC for \$23,360. The request for quotes for the training facility vendors is due October 19th at 11 a.m. The specs for the replacement of the generators were discussed and a walk-through is scheduled for October 26th at 10 a.m. The bid opening is scheduled for October 29th. Mutual aid was discussed with the new North Haven Fire Chief. Tower 1 is scheduled for maintenance. Firefighter 1 classes will be held with approximately 30 individuals from East Haven, North Haven, North Branford and Durham. The use of Narcan, for overdoses of heroin, will be implemented by the department. The flow testing of the SCBA regulators to make them OSHA compliant will cost approximately \$5000. The Fire Department vs. Police Department softball game is scheduled for Sunday, October 4, 2015. The Chief attended the Branford Exchange Club dinner honoring shoreline heroes. The two recipients from Nbfd were firefighters Kyle Conklin and Alexander Shamp.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: Lt. Torino inquired as to whether he is covered during his commute to training classes. He also requested approval of a department sponsored health and wellness program at Park and Rec. Vice-Chairman Prunier made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the Board supports the Fire Department and Park & Rec in a joint venture for a health and wellness program for members. On roll call vote, all in favor. The roof issue at Company #3 was discussed as well as whether or not the Board should get involved. The Chief noted that there was some opposition to one of the long range planning issues of the Town Council's regarding the replacement of the police department building. Chief Seward spoke at the Town Council meeting regarding his interest in a new dispatch center. Deputy Chief Esposito requested a moment of silence for Teddy Olson.

WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Prunier, seconded by Commissioner Campion, that the BOFC adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen, Board Clerk