

# TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

## Board of Fire Commissioners

### MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #4

NOVEMBER 5, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Civitello called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Fire Marshal John O'Brien, Captains Kevin Lyon, Ken Neubig and Eugene Stabile, Lieutenants Jason Conway, John Rossotto, Pete Stadolnik and Steve Torino. **OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:** Mayor-elect Michael Doody.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** Lt. Torino mentioned that the 911 system went down. He also informed the Board that no action has been taken yet on the roof issue at Company #3. Chairman Civitello noted that it was an issue between Co. 3 and the town as it is a leased building. Chief Seward requested a moment of silence due to the passing of James Lanzo. Services will be held this weekend.

**READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Commissioner Campion made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Prunier, that the Board approve the Minutes of the October 1, 2015 Regular Meeting. On roll call, all in favor.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS:** The Fire Marshal's Report for October was distributed listing 147 calls. Reports were distributed from Deputy Chiefs Esposito and Colangelo and Assistant Chief of Training Amatudo. Chairman Civitello suggested that the number of responses be listed in the officers' monthly reports in the future. The Chief stated that if they aren't listed in the CAD system, there would be no record of their attendance at an incident.

**COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**REPORT FROM CHIEF:** Chief Seward distributed his report for the month of October, 2015. He informed the Board that there will be a 2-3 day factory inspection trip for Tanker 3 on December 15 and the Department should take delivery at the end of December. Regarding Rescue 22, there will be a one day meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> in New Jersey. Regarding MEDCOM, the Chief advised that a transmitter is being installed on East Rock which will improve communication. He noted that the RFQ to build the steel structure for the training facility came in at \$180,000 to \$190,000. It was decided to use a local contractor with experience in erecting steel buildings. He noted public works has helped tremendously with the project. Materials will be delivered December 8<sup>th</sup>. The generator project went to bid and three bids were received that were well over the \$60,000 allocated for the project. After some discussion, it was decided that only one generator could be purchased and it should be installed at Company #3 since that is the oldest generator. Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion that the Board recommends that Northeast Generator be awarded the bid for Company #3 generator in the amount of \$53,800.00. Commissioner Campion seconded the motion and on roll call, all in favor. The

Chief spoke about the failure of the 911 system on October 17<sup>th</sup>. He reminded the Board that he tried to get a second dispatcher put in the budget but the police department didn't request it. He advised the Board of the liability to the Town because of only one dispatcher. He had a reverse 911 message put out to the residents to advise them of the problem. He stated that North Haven was designated as the Town's rollover 911 but they don't have the capability to dispatch the fire department from North Haven. He stated that approximately \$3600 would correct the issue.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The Chief informed the Board that new dispatchers still haven't received training from him as of yet because he has received no replies from the Police Department to do so. The pension statistics were discussed at the meeting and Commissioner Campion made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Prunier, that the BOFC accept the pension statistics as presented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. On roll call vote, all in favor. A discussion on revising the requirements to qualify for the pension ensued and it was decided that the BOFC will schedule a meeting with the Company Captains to obtain their input.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Chief informed the Board of the new 2016 rate schedule for the ambulance. The Chief decided to purchase iPads for Engines 1, 2, and 3 after an incident on Middletown Avenue in which three different addresses were given for the department to respond to. He informed the Board that there will be a monthly internet access fee involved.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION:** There will be a meeting to discuss revising the pension requirements.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Prunier, that the BOFC adjourn to Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. for discussion on personnel matters and matters affecting public safety pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 1-200(6)(A) and (C). Those present will include Board members, Chief Seward, Deputy Chief Anthony Esposito, and Mayor-elect Michael Doody. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Vice-Chairman Prunier made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ash, that the BOFC reconvene to public session at 10:05 p.m. On roll call, all in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Commissioner DellaCamera, seconded by Commissioner Campion, that the BOFC adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen, Board Clerk