

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

Board of Fire Commissioners

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #3

JUNE 2, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Prunier called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

OTHERS: Officers: Fire Chief William Seward, III, Deputy Chief Anthony Esposito, Assistant Chief of Training Mark Amatrudo, Deputy Fire Marshal John O'Brien, Captains Ken Neubig and Gene Stabile, Lieutenants Corey Roberts and Steve Torino. Other Interested Parties: Mayor Michael Doody, Council liaison.

Vice-Chairman Civitello made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ash, to amend the Agenda to include an Executive Session as item 12a. for the purpose of discussing public safety matters. On roll call vote, all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: None.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Commissioner Campion made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the Board approve the Minutes of the May 5, 2016 Regular Meeting. On roll call vote, all in favor.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: The Fire Marshal's Report for May was distributed listing 148 calls. Reports were distributed from Deputy Chiefs Esposito and Colangelo and Assistant Chief of Training Amatrudo.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: Communications: The Communications Committee met with Branford officials to discuss a multi-town communications center. The Town Council voted to direct the Town Manager to pursue discussions with Branford. There will be a Town Communications Committee meeting on June 8th at 6:00 p.m. Pension: There was a Town Pension Committee meeting and pensions were approved for Dennis Harrison and Charles Miller. Vice-Chairman Civitello made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the pension for Dennis Harrison be approved with 12 years of credited service. On roll call vote, all in favor. Commissioner Ash made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Civitello, that the BOFC send a letter to the Town Manager directing him to address issues regarding the lemon law concerning Medic 4 with the Town Attorney. On roll call vote, all in favor.

REPORT FROM CHIEF: Chief Seward's report was distributed for the month of May, 2016. He gave an update on Rescue 22 and Tanker 3. The generator was installed and is working at Company #3. He conducted training for some of the dispatchers. Training was last conducted in 2012. He noted that it is difficult for only one dispatcher to be on duty, especially during emergencies.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Chief felt that there should be minimum qualifications for Company

officers. He noted that they are elected by their membership, not necessarily for their qualifications. The Board would like to discuss this issue at a special meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The Chief informed the Board about an issue that occurred concerning dispatch to an incorrect address because the streets have similar names but are in opposite ends of town. He also informed the Board about an issue with Branford calling dispatch on the radio at least two times without getting an answer regarding a car fire on Snake Hill.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: Lt. Torino informed the Board that Co. 3 will be selling tickets for the cow chip raffle at the Potato Festival. Company #2 has their golf tournament scheduled for June 24th.

WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION: Vice-Chairman Civitello made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the Board suspend the July meeting due to a lack of a quorum. On roll call vote, all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Vice-Chairman Civitello made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the Board adjourn to Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. for discussion on a public safety matter according to C.G.S. sec. 1-200(6)(c) with the Board, Chief Seward, Deputy Chief Esposito and Mayor Doody. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Civitello, to reconvene to public session at 8:55 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Campion, that the Board directs Chief Seward to report to the NBPD on June 3, 2016 to request to listen to the voice audio of C/N 16-3391 to Evergreen Road/Drive. On roll call vote, all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Civitello, seconded by Commissioner Ash, that the BOFC adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen, Board Clerk