

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

Board of Fire Commissioners

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #4

NOVEMBER 3, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Prunier called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 Chiefs Anthony Esposito and Robert Colangelo, Assistant Chief/Training Officer Mark Amatrudo, Deputy Fire Marshal John O'Brien, Captains Kevin Lyon, Ken Neubig, and Gene Stabile, Lieutenants Corey Roberts and Steve Torino, and Foreman Kyle Conklin. **OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:** Mayor Michael Doody, Council liaison.

Vice-Chairman Civitello made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ash, that the BOFC amend the Agenda to discuss item 10C, EMR Certifications, prior to Public Hearings and Comments. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Deputy Chief Esposito recognized all twelve of the EMR class graduates and noted that one member has already begun EMT class. A photo was taken of those present with the Chief and Board Chairman. All were congratulated on their completion of the program.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: Captain Neubig thanked all those individuals who attended the fundraiser for Bill Canning and noted that it was well attended. Deputy Chief Esposito informed the board that a Trunk or Treat event was held last weekend and Captain Lyon volunteered his time to bring the ambulance to the event decorated on the inside for the holiday. Lt. Torino inquired about the policy relating to firearms as many members have a license to carry them. Chief Seward reiterated the Town Ordinance that they are prohibited from town property.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Commissioner Campion made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the Board approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2016 Regular Meeting. On roll call vote, there were four in favor and one abstention due to absence.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: The Fire Marshal's Report for October was distributed listing 149 calls. Reports were received and distributed from Deputy Chiefs Esposito and Colangelo, and Assistant Chief/Training Officer Amatrudo.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pension: The Town's Pension Committee will meet on November 9th and approval of the pension statistics will be on the agenda. After review of the pension statistics, Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Civitello, that the BOFC accept the pension statistics for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 as submitted. On roll call vote, all in favor. It was noted that Matt Gillis made the most calls at 493 and Kyle Conklin at 430 calls. Communications: With regards to a regional dispatch center, the two unions will meet to discuss the differences on November 28th. There is also the "dark station issue" to be worked out.

REPORT FROM CHIEF: Chief Seward's report dated October 31, 2016 was distributed to the Board. Items discussed by the Chief were updates on MEDCOM operations, the radio communications system, and the dedication of the fire training facility on November 19th at 10 a.m. He noted that Medic 4 was back in service but had issues with a brake switch and low coolant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: An offer of \$19,500 was received for the fire truck that is to be sold. A motion was made by Commissioner DellaCamera, seconded by Vice-Chairman Civitello, that the BOFC approves the offer of \$19,500 from Help-U-Sell-Firetrucks for the former Rescue 22 and requests the Town Council to endorse this proposal. On roll call vote, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: 10a. 2016 AFG: Chief Seward noted the options available for requesting funds under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). They are: Holmatro GCT 5111 EVO with battery and charger for \$,9675; iPads for 9 apparatus with mounts and service for \$16,000; replacing 5" LDH for \$600 for 100'; LP-1000 AEDs for \$24,932; and UHF portable radios for \$87,000. There was much discussion on which items were most needed. Vice-Chairman Civitello made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the BOFC accepts the Chief's presentation and endorses the request for the battery operated extrication tool, the iPads, and the LP-1000 AEDs. The Town would be responsible to contribute 5% of the cost. The Chief and Deputy Chief Esposito participated in an exercise at the EOC. The Chief felt the room was an embarrassment because of the messy conditions and it wasn't fully equipped. He instructed the Fire Marshal's Office to inspect the police department. He felt that the EOC room should be fixed when the Police Department is redone.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: The Chief noted that the 911 system was down last week for an undetermined period of time. The system did rollover to North Haven.

WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Civitello, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the BOFC adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen, Board Clerk