

# TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

## Board of Fire Commissioners

### MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #2

MAY 4, 2017

**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 Chief Anthony Esposito, Assistant Chief of Training Mark Amatrudo, Captains Jason Conway, Ken Neubig, and Gene Stabile, Lieutenants Corey Roberts and Steve Torino and Foreman Kyle Conklin.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** Captain Stabile informed the Board of their fried dough pizza night on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m. and their installation dinner at Doody's on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and issued an invitation to the Board to join them at the dinner. Captain Stabile also informed the Board that he will be stepping down as Captain of Company #3 and Steve Torino will be the new Captain.

**READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Vice-Chairman Civitello made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the Board approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2017 Regular Meeting. On roll call vote, three in favor and two abstentions by Commissioners Ash and Campion as they were absent from that meeting. Vice-Chairman Civitello made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Campion, that the BOFC approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2017. On roll call, three in favor and two abstentions by Chairman Prunier and Commissioner Ash as they were absent from that meeting.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS:** Reports were received and distributed from Deputy Chief Colangelo and Assistant Chief/Training Officer Amatrudo. Deputy Chief Esposito's report and the Fire Marshal's monthly report will be mailed to the Board.

**COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Communications: The Town's Committee has been disbanded until further notice. Purchasing and Budget: The Town Council cut all raises from all the departments' budgets. Commissioner Campion noted that the State is going to mandate consolidation of dispatch centers in the future.

**REPORT FROM CHIEF:** Chief Seward's report for April was distributed to the Board. The Chief informed the Board that DOT inspections are due on six vehicles and he will attempt to complete those by July 1<sup>st</sup>. He noted that \$25,000 was deducted from the ambulance subsidy to hire a grant writer for the town. The Chief described the remote water supplies and noted that two are wet and one is dry and the other has an odor of hydrocarbons. It was also discussed that there are possibly two additional sites that need to be checked. The fire department does not utilize any of these sites. He informed the Board that four individuals attended the Open House at the firehouses on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and two men submitted applications. The extrication equipment was tested and passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The Chief informed the Board of various dispatch issues. Two calls were for an odor of smoke and the fire department was not dispatched. Another call involved a motorcycle accident where the police were dispatched first and the fire department was not dispatched until four minutes later. Another incident involved incorrect times on the documentation regarding an unresponsive male at Dalton's Restaurant. Vice-Chairman Civitello suggested that the Chief write a letter detailing these issues and forward it to Mayor Doody, the Board's liaison.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner DellaCamera questioned the Chief about a tree incident in his neighborhood and whether it was fire police or the electrical company employees rerouting the traffic.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** Lt. Torino noted that there have been a lot of visitors to his newly designed website.

**WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION:** Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Civitello, that the BOFC amend the Agenda to include an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation matters per C.G.S. Sec. 1-200 (6)(B). On roll call vote, all in favor.

Vice-Chairman Civitello made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ash, that the BOFC adjourns to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for discussion on a pending litigation matter per C.G. S. Sec. 1-200 (6) (B). Those present include the Board, Chief Seward, Deputy Chief Esposito, Assistant Chief of Training Amatrudo, and John McFarlane from the Ambulance. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Vice-Chairman Civitello made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the Board reconvene to public session at 8:56 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Commissioner Campion, seconded by Commissioner Ash, that the BOFC adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen, Board Clerk