

# TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

## Board of Fire Commissioners

### MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING, COMPANY #4**

**OCTOBER 12, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Prunier called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman Ed Prunier, Vice-Chairman Joseph Civitello (arrived after roll call), and Commissioners Andrew Campion, Anthony DellaCamera and Eugene Stabile.

**OTHERS:** Officers: Fire Chief William Seward, III, Deputy Chief Anthony Esposito, Captains Kevin Lyon, Ken Neubig and Steve Torino.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** Chief Seward noted that John McFarland will receive special recognition at the Knights of St. Patrick Public Safety Night Awards on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Campion, to approve the Minutes of the September 7, 2017 Special Meeting. On roll call vote, four in favor, and one abstention by Commissioner Stabile as he was not a Commissioner.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Chief Seward had several notices. He received a reminder to schedule the 2018 Board meetings and an email regarding East Haven applying to the State to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> paramedic non-transport ambulance. He also provided a copy of the press release regarding the activation of fire station sirens and a memorandum to the Town Council regarding the traffic signal in front of Station 3.

**DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS:** Reports were received and distributed from Deputy Chiefs Esposito, Colangelo and Assistant Chief of Training Amatrudo. The Fire Marshal's monthly report for September, listing 163 calls, was previously mailed to the Board.

**COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Committees will be changed to add new Commissioner Stabile to the Committees previously occupied by former Commissioner Ash.

**REPORT FROM CHIEF:** Chief Seward distributed his monthly report dated October 11, 2017 and the outline is attached hereto. He advised the Board that Brush truck #2 and Tower 1 need several repairs. The mobile repeater project is moving forward. He recently signed a mutual aid agreement with North Madison and discussed mutual aid issues with North Haven. Since North Haven does not perform EMS, only fire, and they cover Company #2 during a working fire in our town, it was felt that Wallingford should be called on for mutual aid. Vice-Chairman Civitello made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, instructing the Chief to call Wallingford for mutual aid in the future instead of North Haven. On roll call vote, all in favor. He noted that the purchase order for fire hose was completed and that six PPE will also need to be purchased. There is a meeting of the fire chiefs to discuss MEDCOM issues on October 16<sup>th</sup>. He informed the Board that, effective

January 1, 2018, electronic patient care reporting will switch to ESO. There was a discussion on the use of Narcan and whether or not the police can charge for the use and it was determined that they can not charge. He participated in a tabletop exercise at Evergreen Woods and felt that it was not a very realistic portrayal.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion and Action re: Organizational Structure:** Chief Seward requested that this be tabled until all the Company Captains are in attendance since it related to changing the name of foreman to lieutenant. Susan D. Duhamel invited the department to attend a dinner next Monday at 8:30 p.m. at her house to express her appreciation for their efforts fighting her recent barn fire.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Prunier requested that the Board be supplied with a copy of the current monthly budget at each meeting. He also requested that the Board be invited/notified when Town Council members will be in attendance at Company drills so that they can participate also.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** Captain Neubig asked for clarification on responding to North Haven for mutual aid.

**WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION:** Pension statistics for 2016-2017 will be available at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Civitello, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen, Board Clerk