

TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

Board of Fire Commissioners

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING, COMPANY #4

DECEMBER 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Prunier called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Ed Prunier, Vice-Chairman Joseph Civitello, and Commissioners Andrew Campion, Anthony DellaCamera and Gene Stabile.

OTHERS: Officers: Fire Chief William Seward, III, Deputy Chiefs Anthony Esposito and Robert Colangelo, Assistant Chief of Training Mark Amatrudo, Deputy Fire Marshal John O'Brien, Captains Kevin Lyon, Ken Neubig, and Steve Torino, Lieutenant Eric Emanuelson and John McFarland of Vintech.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: Captain Torino notified the Board that the children's Christmas party at Company #3 is scheduled for December 17th. Companies #2 and #3 will be using their apparatus to deliver presents from Santa on Christmas Eve.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Vice-Chairman Civitello made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Campion, to approve the Minutes of the November 2, 2017 Regular Meeting. On roll call vote, all in favor.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: A thank you note was received and read from Babby Nuhn and the NB Field Hockey Team thanking the fire department for the escort by the fire trucks after winning the State Title.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: Reports were received and distributed from Deputy Chiefs Esposito, Colangelo and Assistant Chief of Training Amatrudo, as well as the Fire Marshal's detailed monthly report for November.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pension: At the Pension Committee meeting it was discussed that the investments weren't performing very well.

REPORT FROM CHIEF: Chief Seward distributed his monthly report dated December 4, 2017 and the outline is attached hereto. It was noted that there have been 1660 responses as of November 30, 2017. All hoses have been distributed and put on the apparatus except for Engine 1 as they would like to order a hose bed cover. Since additional funds have been received from the State, it is expected that Company #1 will receive a new generator, if approved by the Town Council. The Deputy Fire Marshal will meet with NexGen representatives to update them on continual issues with the system. The Chief has requested that the Police Department allow a Detective to attend classes to receive certification to assist with fire investigations and possibly form a joint fire and police investigative task force. The class runs from February to May at no cost to the Town. The Chief informed the Board that he is not in favor of issues relating to MEDCOM and will not be attending an

upcoming meeting of the Advisory Board. The new start date for ESO ePCR is now February 1, 2018. There was a discussion about the RWA issues regarding the leak in the tunnel between Lake Gaillard and the pump station at Tilcon. The project will take place between January and May and cost approximately \$15.5 million.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Action re: Payment for Third Person on Ambulance: There was a discussion about pay for a third person on the ambulance and the Board felt that a third person was not justified. Lt. Emanuelson informed the Board that, although this person has been getting paid for ten years, he is very dedicated and always attends drills and events and has taken the EMT class. The Chief and the Board were concerned about financial issues. There was a question as to whether he should be grandfathered in. There are only two individuals in this category and the Board felt that they should register for the next available EMT class and only get paid during the next year while completing the classes. No other individual would be allowed to get paid as a third person on the ambulance. Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Civitello, that the Board allow only the two individuals, Melissa Agro and Antonio Grandetti, to be grandfathered in with the stipulation that they register for the next available EMT class and pass it within one year, by December 7, 2018, and they will continue to be paid during the year for shifts and there will be no one else who will receive pay as the third person on scheduled shifts. On roll call vote, all in favor. It was also discussed that, when a paramedic has a critical patient and requires a third person to ride into the hospital, they would receive the pay rate of one call.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: None.

WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Civitello, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen, Board Clerk