

Town of North Branford

Board of Fire Commissioners

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #3 FIREHOUSE

OCTOBER 5, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Civitello called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Joseph Civitello, Commissioners Donald LaBanca and Joseph Tulli. Vice-Chairman Angelo Tosi and Commissioner Michael Manemeit were absent.

OTHERS: Officers: Chief William Seward, Deputy Chief/Training Officer Robert Colangelo, District Chief Anthony Esposito, Captains John Florio, Ken Neubig, and John Onofrio, and Lieutenants John Rossotto and William Seward IV.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: District Chief Esposito mentioned that former Board member Manuel Cabral recently had open-heart surgery and suggested that the Board send him a fruit basket now that he is home from the hospital. It was agreed that a fruit basket be sent to him.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on September 7th could not be approved as there wasn't a quorum of members from that meeting present.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: The Fire Marshal's Report for September was distributed and discussed at the meeting. It was noted that there were 122 calls for the month. The Ambulance Activity Report for August and September were also distributed.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pension: Chairman Civitello mentioned that the Town's Pension Committee Meeting is scheduled for November.

REPORT FROM CHIEF: Chief Seward distributed a memorandum to the Board regarding the Chief's report for the month of September that is attached to the Minutes and made a part hereof. It was noted that two laptops will be purchased for Company #4 with one being a loaner for training purposes. Also discussed were the key fobs for the firehouses and the hose and ladder testing. Equipment storage space at Company #4 was also discussed. The Ambulance Activity Report for September doesn't have complete figures since the records were not available. It was noted that the billing needs to be done on a regular basis.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: Planned fund raising activities were discussed. Captain Florio stated that their annual fundraiser letter has already been mailed and the Fill the Boot fundraiser is planned for the weekend of October 14th. He also asked about changing some of the qualifications for the pension. The Board's pension committee will meet with those interested in discussing changes. Captain Neubig stated that their fundraiser letter is almost ready and Captain Onofrio informed the Board that they have scheduled another fried dough pizza event. The Board gave their approval for the

fundraisers.

WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION: The Board will discuss the issues prior to meeting with the Town Pension Committee in November. The pension statistics will be mailed prior to the next meeting so that they could be approved in November. Chief Seward mentioned that he would like to hold an Open House this Fall.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Commissioner LaBanca and seconded by Commissioner Tulli that the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners adjourns at 8:00 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen
Board Clerk