

Town of North Branford

Board of Fire Commissioners

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #2 FIREHOUSE

MAY 5, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Civitello called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Joseph Civitello, and Commissioners Anthony DellaCamera and Daniel Munro. Vice-Chairman Angelo Tosi and Commissioner James Blakeslee were absent.

OTHERS: Officers: Fire Chief William Seward, III, Deputy Fire Marshal John O'Brien, Assistant Chief of Training Mark Amatrudo and Captain John Onofrio.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: None.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Munro that the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2011. On roll call vote, all in favor. The Minutes from the February meeting could not be approved as there was not a quorum of the same members present from that meeting.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: The Fire Marshal's Report for April listing 138 calls was distributed as well as the reports from Deputy Chief Anthony Esposito, Jr., Deputy Chief Training Officer Robert Colangelo and Assistant Chief of Training Mark Amatrudo. The Ambulance Activity Report for the month of March was also distributed as well as alarm data. Commissioner Munro made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera that the BOFC approve the officers' reports. On roll call vote, all in favor.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: Purchasing and Budget: The budget referendum is May 10th. Insurance: A representative from H.D. Segur was present at an informational meeting to review members' insurance policies along with a representative from the Police and Fire Association to discuss disability insurance. It was not well attended.

REPORT FROM CHIEF: Chief Seward's memorandum to the Board regarding his report dated May 2nd was distributed and is attached to the Minutes and made a part hereof. The Chief updated the Board on the Simulcast System and noted that the Commerce Drive location is still feasible although it does not have a backup generator. Company #1 location is the alternative with a possibility of installing a new cell tower. CSB Communications would own the tower and work out an agreement with Tilcon since it would be located on their land. The Fire Department would be allowed to use the tower at no charge. Engine 3 is getting a new radiator and it was noted that it should be power washed annually. Regarding the budget, the Town Council agreed with the Town Manager's proposed budget. There was some discussion on the replacement of gear and the types to be purchased.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The Chief noted that Fire Marshal Bunnell's car has some major issues and he has located a used vehicle on Long Island that is being sold. It is a 2003 Crown Vic with approximately

52,000 miles on it and in great shape. He has submitted a bid for \$3800 and the Chief noted that there is money in the equipment reserve budget to pay for it. Commissioner Munro made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera that the BOFC approves the purchase of the Crown Vic for \$3800 if the bid is accepted. On roll call vote, all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: Captain Onofrio informed the Board that he will be stepping down as Captain of Company #3. He has held that position for 16 years and will continue to be active in the Fire Department but would like to devote more time to his family. The Board was appreciative of his many years of service both as Captain and as a member and thanked him for all his hard work and dedication.

WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION: The budget will be decided on Tuesday, May 10th. The Chief reminded all of Matt's Mission scheduled for May 22nd.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Commissioner DellaCamera, seconded by Commissioner Munro, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen
Board Clerk