

Town of North Branford

Board of Fire Commissioners

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #2 FIREHOUSE

MAY 7, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman LaBanca called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

OTHERS: Officers: Acting Fire Chief/Deputy Chief Anthony Esposito, Jr., Acting Fire Marshal/Fire Inspector John O'Brien, Assistant Chief of Training Mark Amatrudo, Captains Laura Burich, John Florio, and John Onofrio, and Lieutenant John Rossotto.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: Captain Onofrio reminded the Board that his Company will hold a fried dough pizza fundraiser in May and will hold them about once a month.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee that the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 2, 2009. On roll call vote, all in favor.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: A memo was received from Deputy Chief Esposito that Antonio Grandetti's name was omitted from the pension list for 2007-08 and asked that the Board approve his pension credits and forward the information to the Town's Pension Committee. Commissioner Blakeslee made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera that the BOFC approve the amended pension list for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to include the name of Antonio Grandetti. On roll call vote, all in favor. The Clerk will forward a letter to the Town's Pension Committee for their approval.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: The Fire Marshal's Report for April listing 132 calls was distributed at the meeting along with reports from Deputy Chief Anthony Esposito and Assistant Chief of Training Amatrudo. Deputy Chief of Training Colangelo's report will be mailed to the Board. Regionalization of emergency dispatch/communications was discussed and the Town will receive a no-obligation grant of \$5000 to initiate a feasibility study with the Towns of North Haven and East Haven.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORT FROM CHIEF: Chief Seward's memorandum to the Board regarding his report for the month of April was distributed and is attached to the Minutes and made a part hereof. Acting Chief/Deputy Chief Esposito presented his report, since he was unable to attend the meeting. He noted that annual physicals begin next week. The Town received a \$10,000 grant to update the emergency operations center. He also noted that a company was advertising on Craigs List for EMT's in order to include that information with their bid for ambulance staffing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The badges for the Board members were distributed and it was hoped that they would wear them in the Memorial Day Parade this year. A meeting will be held next week with the Town

Manager to discuss the potato festival issues.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: It was noted that the Governor's website contained a press release regarding stimulus money for construction projects for volunteer fire departments. The Chief and Town Manager are already aware of this and are considering an application.

WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Commissioner DellaCamera and seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen
Board Clerk