

Town of North Branford

Board of Fire Commissioners

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #4 FIREHOUSE

NOVEMBER 1, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Civitello called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Joseph Civitello, Vice-Chairman Angelo Tosi, Commissioners James Blakeslee and Joseph Tulli. Commissioner Donald LaBanca was absent.

OTHERS: Officers: Chief William Seward III, Deputy Chief Anthony Esposito, Jr. and Captain John Onofrio.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: None.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Tosi and seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 6, 2007. On roll call vote, all in favor.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Seward received a letter from Evergreen Woods thanking the Fire Department for its quick response to a recent fire that occurred at the facility.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: The Fire Marshal's Report for October and a corrected September report were distributed and discussed at the meeting. It was noted that there were 168 calls for September and 131 calls for October. Reports were also received and distributed from Deputy Chief Esposito and Deputy Chief Colangelo.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pension: The next meeting will be held on November 21st and Commissioner Tulli's pension request and the Pension Statistics for 2006-07 will be included in the agenda.

REPORT FROM CHIEF: Chief Seward distributed a memorandum to the Board regarding the Chief's report for the months of September and October that are attached to the Minutes and made a part hereof. The Chief gave the Board an update on the hose testing/replacement and pump testing. There was some discussion on the mutual aid calls for the ambulance. There was a concern that the calls are taking the primary ambulance out of service in our Town and responding to out-of-town calls that usually get cancelled. The Board advised the Chief to keep records of those calls and the Board will follow-up with a letter, if necessary. It was also noted that the office of the Fire Marshal was not moved at the Town Hall and another vehicle was obtained for their use. He informed the Board that Commissioner Tulli was recognized by the Branford Exchange Club and received an award for his many years of service and for organizing a scholarship fund in honor of his late wife.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Deputy Chief Esposito stated that several towns were contacted as well as Holsworth-Pelton & Associates regarding fire billing. All monies would go the general fund. Deputy Chief Esposito suggested that the Board invite Tim Pelton to a meeting to answer any questions the Board might have. It was decided to invite him to the January meeting. Billing for the services of the Fire Marshal will be discussed at the December meeting. Deputy Chief Esposito passed out a recruiting flyer

used by the Wallingford Fire Department and suggested that it be revised with North Branford information and inserted in the local paper. The Board agreed that it was a good idea and asked him to check on the costs involved.

NEW BUSINESS: Vice-Chairman Tosi made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee to approve the Pension Statistics for the fiscal year 2006-07 which include 74 fire department members and 7 departmental officers. On roll call, all in favor. The Clerk will forward a letter to the Pension Committee. Deputy Chief Esposito advised the Board that 15 AEDs were received and a training session will be held. They have the 2005 American Heart Association protocols already built in and allow for interoperability.

WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Tosi and seconded Commissioner Tulli to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen
Board Clerk