

Town of North Branford

Board of Fire Commissioners

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #2 FIREHOUSE MAY 3, 2007

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

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

OTHERS: Officers: Chief William Seward, Deputy Chiefs Robert Colangelo and Anthony P. Esposito, Jr., Captains Ken Neubig and John Onofrio.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: None.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the February meeting could not be approved as there wasn't a quorum present at this meeting for their approval. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Tosi, seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee, that the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2007. On roll call, all in favor.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Seward informed the Board that the Fire Department received an invitation to participate in the Memorial Day Parade on May 28th at 10:00 a.m. in District #1.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: The Fire Marshal's Report for April was distributed and discussed at the meeting. It was noted that there were 131 calls for April. Reports were also received and distributed from Deputy Chiefs Colangelo and Esposito and District Chief Amatrudo. The ambulance reports for March and April were distributed.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: Purchasing and Budget: Chairman Civitello reported that he, Commissioner LaBanca and Chief Seward attended the Town Council meeting on the budget. The Town Council originally cut one of the Inspectors from the budget but agreed to a \$5000 cut from another line item. They also approved \$50,000 for the equipment reserve budget instead of the requested \$75,000.

REPORT FROM CHIEF: Chief Seward distributed a memorandum to the Board regarding the Chief's report for the month of April that is attached to the Minutes and made a part hereof. The Chief updated the Board on the installation of the new antennas, the reprogramming of the portable radios, the status of the dispatch procedures and emergency management activities that will be included in a newspaper supplement. He informed the Board of the suspension of a member from the department for a period of sixty days pending a hearing with the BOFC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The billing for Fire/Rescue/Hazmat was discussed and tabled until the June meeting. The Chairman asked the Board to review the information compiled by Deputy Chief Esposito and bring any thoughts/comments to the next meeting. Vice-Chairman Tosi felt that some criteria must be established prior to setting the billing requirements. Deputy Chief Esposito will forward additional information on billing as it becomes available.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion made by Vice-Chairman Tosi and seconded by Commissioner Tulli was made to discuss a personnel matter in executive session. Be it hereby resolved that the BOFC amends the Agenda to include an Executive Session for discussion on a personnel matter pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) 1-200 (6)(A). On roll call vote, all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: None.

WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION: None.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Tosi and seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee to adjourn to Executive Session. Be it hereby resolved that the BOFC adjourns to Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. for discussion on a personnel matter pursuant to C.G.S. 1-200 (6)(A). Those present will be Chairman Civitello, Vice-Chairman Tosi, Commissioners Blakeslee and Tulli, Chief Seward, Deputy Chiefs Colangelo and Esposito and Captain Neubig. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Vice-Chairman Tosi made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Commissioner Tulli. Be it hereby resolved that the BOFC returns to Open Session at 8:40 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Tosi and seconded Commissioner Tulli to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen
Board Clerk