

Town of North Branford

Board of Fire Commissioners

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #2 FIREHOUSE

MAY 3, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Civitello called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Joseph Civitello, Vice-Chairman Angelo Tosi and Commissioners Anthony DellaCamera and Ed Prunier. Commissioner Daniel Munro was absent.

OTHERS: Officers: Fire Chief William Seward, III, Deputy Chief Anthony P. Esposito, Jr., Deputy Fire Marshal John O'Brien, Captain Gene Stabile, Lieutenants Gary Steck and Steve Torino.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: Jenn McCulloch, local editor for North Branford Patch.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: None.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Prunier, that the BOFC approve the Minutes of the March 1, 2012 Meeting. On roll call, three in favor and one abstention by Vice-Chairman Tosi as he was absent from the March meeting.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: A letter was received from North Haven Fire Chief Vincent Landisio expressing his thanks for the Nbfd assistance at a structure fire on Warner Road in North Haven. He was very appreciative of the mutual aid from our department. The Chief noted that he has three documents relating to the CT Convention/Parade in North Haven to occur the weekend of September 14-16th. He also received an invitation from the Bethany Volunteer Fire Department to participate in their annual carnival/parade in June. The Chief read an advertisement for a public safety dispatcher for police, fire and EMS, with the application deadline of May 18th.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: The Fire Marshal's Report for March was distributed to the Board with their agenda listing 166 calls. The April report was distributed at the meeting listing 192 calls along with reports from Deputy Chief Anthony Esposito, Jr., Deputy Chief/Training Officer Robert Colangelo and Assistant Training Officer Mark Amatrudo. The alarm data and Ambulance Activity Reports were also distributed for February and March, 2012.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pension Committee: There is a Town Pension Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 9th.

REPORT FROM CHIEF: Chief Seward's memorandum to the Board regarding his report for the period from March 1, 2012 through April 30th, 2012 was distributed and is attached to the Minutes and made a part hereof. The Town is required to participate in a statewide emergency preparedness exercise on two of four days during July 28-31st. Some requirements are a written incident action plan and that the local EOC be activated. Each region will be required to open a shelter. The Chief provided copies of his power point presentation materials that were presented to the Town Council regarding the budget. The Town Council cut the Fire Department budget by \$22,500. It was noted that all the apparatus had the DOT inspection and repairs were made. Hydrant flags have been received and will be installed soon. The Nbfd has been granted a license to install and operate a 4.9 GHz microwave. The department will be 1 of 30 participating in a statewide program focused on recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. Lieutenant Tom Hart is the advocate for the Nbfd

and his photo will appear on pamphlets, posters, literature, etc. for this program that will not cost the Town any money. The program will provide departments with solutions to maximize volunteer staffing levels. Fire hoses are being replaced and hose will be color-coded for standardization on each apparatus.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chief Seward spoke about regionalization of 911 communications with one of the possible locations being at the Town Hall. A center for dispatching is proposed with monies to be received from the State. Bethany and East Haven are interested in a centralized dispatch location. If the bill is passed and money is allocated, North Branford is first in line to receive it. It will improve the level of efficiency and safety with multiple dispatchers on site. The Chief spoke about the ongoing fire at Borrelli's farm and noted that DEEP got involved. North Haven provided apparatus and personnel. It took two weeks for the 75' pile of brush to be torn apart and extinguished. He also informed the Board of the structure fire on Beech Street and noted that the department did an excellent job and no injuries were reported.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: Company #3 will sponsor a fried dough pizza event on May 11th and again on June 22nd. Company #2 will sponsor their annual golf tournament on June 15th. The members were also reminded that Matt's Mission will be held on May 20th and all companies were encouraged to be generous with a donation.

WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION: Chairman Civitello noted that there will be three positions due for reappointment: Chief Seward's term expires July 5th and Deputy Chief/Training Officer Colangelo and Deputy Fire Marshal O'Brien's terms expire June 30th.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Tosi and seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane B. Whalen
Board Clerk