

Town of North Branford Board of Fire Commissioners

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #2

OCTOBER 2, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Civitello called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Joseph Civitello, Commissioners Kenneth Ash, Andrew Campion and Anthony DellaCamera. Vice Chairman Ed Prunier was absent.

OTHERS: Officers: Deputy Chief Anthony P. Esposito, Jr., Deputy Chief/Training Officer Robert Colangelo, Captains Richard Lennon, Ken Neubig and Gene Stabile, and Lieutenants John Rossotto and Steve Torino.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: None.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ash, that the Board approve the Minutes of the May 1, 2014 Meeting. On roll call, there were three in favor and one abstention by Commissioner Campion as he was not a member at that time. Commissioner Ash made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Campion, that the BOFC approve the Minutes of the September 4, 2014 Meeting. On roll call vote, there were three in favor and one abstention by Commissioner DellaCamera due to his absence from that meeting.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: The Fire Marshal's Reports for September listing 156 calls were distributed in two formats. Reports were distributed from Deputy Chief Esposito and Deputy Chief/Training Officer Colangelo and Assistant Chief/Training Officer Amatrudo.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pension: Deputy Chief Esposito noted that the next Town Pension Committee meeting is November 12th at 4:00 p.m. He reminded the Board that this is the last year for the multiplier phase-in and suggested the Board forward a letter to the Pension Committee requesting an increase. Commissioner Campion made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ash, that the Board forward a letter to the Pension Committee requesting \$.55 per year for four years for a pension multiplier increase. On roll call, all in favor.

REPORT FROM CHIEF: Chief Seward's memorandum to the Board regarding his report dated October 1, 2014 was distributed and is attached to the Minutes and made a part hereof. Chief Seward was absent due to his attendance at another Town meeting. His report provided costs for EMS and fire service at the Potato Festival. He and the Town Manager continue to attend CMED meetings. He noted that an additional \$50,000 was requested from the Town Council and received for the purchase of Tanker 3.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chairman Civitello noted that the Town Attorney was to be invited to this meeting to explain any issues regarding the ordinances that were proposed by the Board but had another meeting to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: A list of the pension statistics for fiscal year ending 2014 were distributed and discussed. There are 75 members and 6 officers who qualified for their pension. Commissioner DellaCamera made a

motion, seconded by Commissioner Campion, that the Board accept the pension statistics for fiscal year 2013 to 2014 as presented to the Board. On roll call vote, all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: Company #1 will hold a fundraiser on October 18th and 19th called "pass the bucket". Lt. Torino informed the Board that Company #3 will host a fried dough pizza event providing free pizza to all veterans. He noted that Company #3 did not make any progress on receiving a discount for their booth at the Potato Festival after his discussion with the Town Manager and Park & Rec Department. He was advised that the next step would be to attend a Town Council meeting. Captain Stabile acknowledged the support that Company #3 received from the Commission and Chiefs when long time member Joseph Bellonio passed recently.

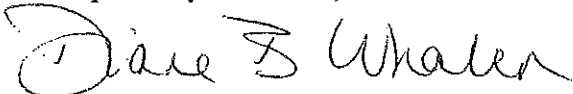
WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ash, that the BOFC adjourn to Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. for discussion on a personnel matter pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 200(6)(A). Those present include the Board, Deputy Chief Esposito and Deputy Chief/Training Officer Colangelo. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ash that the BOFC reconvenes to public session at 8:57 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Commissioner DellaCamera, seconded by Commissioner Ash that the BOFC adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane B. Whalen, Board Clerk



**TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT TO THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
2014**

TO: Joseph Civitello
Chairperson, Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Chief William Seward, III

DATE: October 1, 2014

AMBULANCE 44 REMOUNTING

Ambulance 44 was picked up by an AEV representative for remounting and the loaner ambulance was obtained, equipped, inspected by CT-DMV and OEMS and is now in service as a backup unit.

TOWN FESTIVAL OPERATIONS

The cost for providing fire service for the PoCo Festival was \$2,865.64 and EMS \$1,902.19

COMPANY 3 APPARATUS COMMITTEE

The apparatus specification for Tanker 3 is near completion. The Chief appeared before the Town Council and requested an additional \$50,000 under the CIP. After a brief explanation, the council approved this request. This provides \$300,000 for the acquisition.

CMED OPERATIONS & RFP

The Chief and Town Manager continue to attend CMED Board of Director meetings. Discussion revolves around communities remaining with SCCMED and the cost to provide core services with fewer subscribers.

AERIAL LADDER TESTING

Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. was contracted to provide annual aerial ladder testing; the Chief received a copy of the inspection report.

OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION CONDUCTED BY THE FIRE CHIEF

- Attended the Region 2 REPT Steering Committee Meeting in Guilford
- Attended the Department Head meetings at Town Hall
- The Chief discussed fire department capabilities and operations with regards to propane emergencies with the Town's Inland Wetlands Agency during a meeting at NBIS. The next P&Z meeting is Thursday, October 2, 2014.
- PPE measurements took place at Station 1
- New Carbon Monoxide and 4-Gas detection devices were ordered and received. Along with new Pulse Oximetry meters, training will be provided to personnel staff and equipment placed into service.
- The Chief attended the Branford Exchange Club "Shoreline Heros" dinner
- The Chief attended the unveiling of the memorial plaques at Company 1 honoring Chief Andrew Amatrudo (Retired, NBFD) and Dan Munro (Former Captain of Company 1 and Fire Commissioner)
- The Chief coordinated a photograph session with Tilcon and RESCUE 1-PL Custom for a calendar picture of Rescue 11.
- The Chief worked with representatives from Tactical Communications and AT&T on radio system failure issues.
- The Chief met with representatives from Durham EMS on Fair contingency plans