

# Town of North Branford

## Board of Fire Commissioners

### MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #1

DECEMBER 4, 2014

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

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

**OTHERS:** Officers: Fire Chief William Seward, III, Deputy Chief Anthony P. Esposito, Jr., Deputy Fire Marshal John O'Brien, and Captains Ken Neubig and Gene Stabile.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** None.

**READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Commissioner Campion made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the Board approve the Minutes of the November 6, 2014 Meeting. On roll call vote, all in favor.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS:** A thank you letter from George Ahern was received and read regarding his automobile accident. He was very appreciative of those who responded to the accident and assisted him.

**DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS:** The Fire Marshal's Report for November listing 140 calls was distributed. Reports were distributed from Deputy Chief Esposito and Deputy Chief/Training Officer Colangelo and Assistant Chief of Training Amatrudo. Deputy Chief Esposito explained that he is searching for a used ambulance that could be used for standbys at football games, etc. If another vehicle was purchased, another permit would need to be obtained.

**COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Pension: Commissioner Campion informed the Commissioners that the Board's request to the Pension Committee regarding the multiplier increase was favorably received.

**REPORT FROM CHIEF:** Chief Seward noted that bids were received for the tanker and the New England Fire Equipment and Apparatus from North Haven bid came in just under \$300,000 for the 3000 gallon tanker with the optional equipment requested. Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ash, that the BOFC authorize Chief Seward to send a letter to the Town accepting that bid. On roll call vote, all in favor. He reminded the Board that a notice of intent to leave CMED must be submitted by December 31<sup>st</sup>. He informed the Board that the last town to stay with CMED will be responsible for the pension fund liability. There was a discussion on the issue that the paramedics are required to make a patch to the hospital which must be recorded. The Chief advised that the ambulance

had been out of service periodically with intermittent issues, waiting for the service to be performed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The firehouses will be receiving new computers. There was a discussion on publicity that was generated by a save earlier in the year. Commissioner Ash felt that the Fire Department should have been recognized for all their efforts.

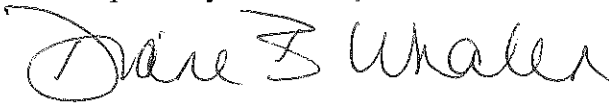
**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board discussed the dates for the meetings to be held in 2015. Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Campion, that the BOFC approve the dates selected for the meetings to be held in January, 2015 through January, 2016. On roll call vote, all in favor. Commissioner Ash would like to have Rt. 80 renamed as the North Branford Fire Department Memorial Highway and asked if anyone objected. He will follow up with the request.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS:** Chief Seward informed the Board that Dave Roden's mother's wake is in Meriden on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 p.m. He also noted that Vin Rapuano's mother is terminally ill and receiving Hospice care at home.

**WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Commissioner Campion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the BOFC adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane B. Whalen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Diane B. Whalen, Board Clerk