

Town of North Branford

Board of Fire Commissioners

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, COMPANY #2

JANUARY 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Civitello called the meeting to order at 7:32 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: Fire Chief William Seward, III, Deputy Chief Anthony P. Esposito, Jr., Captains James Asmus, Ken Neubig and Gene Stabile, Lieutenants Tom Hart, Kevin Lyon, John Rossotto and Steve Torino and Foreman Mark Candelli.

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 December 4, 2014 Meeting. On roll call vote, three in favor, one abstention by Chairman Civitello due to his absence.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: The Fire Marshal's Report for December listing 158 calls and the Annual report listing a total of 1815 calls were distributed. Reports were distributed from Deputy Chief Esposito and Deputy Chief/Training Officer Colangelo and Assistant Chief of Training Amatrudo.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORT FROM CHIEF: Chief Seward noted that the fire loss in dollar value during the year 2014 was the lowest amount since 2004. U.S. Tanker was awarded the bid for Tanker 3. The next CMED meeting is January 15th and the Chief is anticipating that other options will be discussed. He noted that several local communities have joined Valley Shore which is a priority one dispatch. Twenty-eight sets of firefighter gear were received due to a state grant and were issued. There was a discussion about some radio communications issues at the police department that tactical repaired. There was a discussion about the use of ipads in the apparatus which would provide better communication.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The generator inspection at all of the town buildings was completed and recommendations were provided regarding repairs that would be necessary. The Board was not in agreement with all the issues discussed and Chairman Civitello will call the Purchasing Assistant to discuss the fire department generators. Ambulance 4 will be out

of service for repairs. It was previously in for a service issue but it was not diagnosed correctly and will need to be brought back in for the repair.

NEW BUSINESS: The Town has issued the budget price assumptions for use in determining the 2015-2016 budgets. Chief Seward informed the Board that the department now has a drone that can be used when needed. A listing of rescue drill nights was distributed as well as the 2015 company officer training schedule. The Chief distributed the department awards criteria to establish a committee called Board of Merit that would review all meritorious acts by fire department members. He asked for volunteers to the Board of Merit and would like all the names of volunteers submitted to him by January 15th. He noted that the department has use of the burn trailer until April and all the companies will train on it. Deputy Chief Esposito explained the new protocols regarding SMR or spinal motion restriction.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND COMMENTS: Steve Torino questioned the BOFC regarding an increase in the annual stipend that is given annually to the members. It was noted that the amount is set by the State.

WELFARE OF THE COMMISSION: The budget for 2015-2016 and pension corrections and/or additions will be discussed at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Ash made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Campion, that the BOFC adjourn to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. for discussion on a personnel matter pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 200(6)(A). Those present include Board members, Chief Seward and Deputy Chief Esposito. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ash, that the BOFC reconvene to public session at 9:16 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Campion, that the BOFC reappoint Anthony Esposito, Jr. as Deputy Chief for a two year period from January 8, 2015 to January 7, 2017. On roll call vote, all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Commissioner Campion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the BOFC adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane B. Whalen, Board Clerk