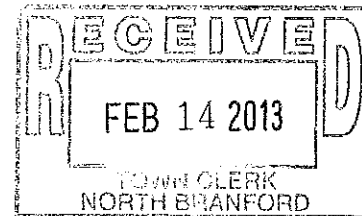


**Town of North Branford
Board of Fire Commissioners**



MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2013

SPECIAL MEETING, COMPANY #2

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Civitello called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Joseph Civitello, Vice-Chairman Angelo Tosi and Commissioners Anthony DellaCamera, Anthony Gallicchio and Ed Prunier.

OTHERS: Officers: Fire Chief William Seward, III, Deputy Chief Anthony Esposito, Jr., Deputy Fire Marshal John O'Brien and Captain Ken Neubig.

There was a discussion on the proposed budget for the Fire Department for 2013-2014. It was noted that the pension, fuel costs and maintenance costs will need to be increased. The Operating Budget for the Fire Department was discussed by the Board. The Chief felt that Deputy Fire Marshal O'Brien's salary should be increased as he is working the same number of hours as the Fire Marshal. Currently, Fire Marshal Bunnell makes \$25.31 per hour and Deputy Fire Marshal O'Brien makes \$10.40 per hour. The Board agreed that he should receive an increase in pay and suggested that his pay be increased by \$500 per month, which would total \$1357.00 per month. The entire budget would show an increase in \$31,658 reflecting a 5.25% increase for the entire budget. Vice-Chairman Tosi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Prunier, that the BOFC approve the Fire Department Operating Budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014 in the amount of \$634,208.00 and recommend that it be presented to the Town Council. On roll call vote, all in favor.

The Equipment Reserve budget was then discussed. Vice-Chairman Tosi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DellaCamera, that the BOFC approve the Fire Department Equipment Reserve budget as presented. On roll call vote, all in favor.

The Capital Requests were discussed and the Chief informed the Board that the department's thermal imaging cameras are approximately 15 years old. Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gallicchio, that the BOFC approve the Capital Requests Budget items for the Fire Department for the fiscal year 2013-2014 in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the purchase of four thermal imaging cameras. On roll call vote, all in favor.

The Ambulance Service Fund Budget was discussed. Commissioner DellaCamera made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Prunier, that the BOFC approve the Ambulance Service Fund Budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014 as presented with a transfer from the general fund of \$130,000.00. On roll call vote, all in favor.

The Ambulance Equipment Reserve budget was also discussed. Vice-Chairman Tosi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gallicchio, that the BOFC approve the Ambulance Equipment Reserve as proposed for \$75,000.00 per year for the next three years. On roll call vote, all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Commissioner DellaCamera and seconded by Commissioner Prunier to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. On roll call vote, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane B. Whalen".

Diane B. Whalen
Board Clerk