

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Commissioners Conference Room at Fire Headquarters
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Call to Order: Chairman Riso called the meeting to order at 1902 hours. A quorum was present.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Thomas Riso, Karen Craig, John Healy, Richard Smith, Howard Stein, and Jonathan Bercham. Also present were Chief Louis A. LaVecchia, Assistant Chief Daniel L. Johnson, Assistant Chief Robert J. Healey, Alderwoman Paula Smith, Firefighter Andy Vargo.

Motion made to amend the agenda to elect the Commission's officers for 2010. *Motion made by Chief LaVecchia, second by Commissioner Smith to amend the agenda to elect the Commission's officers for 2010. Motion carried unanimously.* The 2010 officers were elected.

Motion made by Commissioner Healy, seconded by Commissioner Smith to elect Commissioner Riso Chairman. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Chief LaVecchia turned the meeting over to Commissioner Riso.

Commissioner Healy was unanimously elected Vice Chairman and Commissioner Craig was unanimously elected Secretary.

2. Public Statements limited to the function of the Board of Fire Commissioners:

Paula Smith of the Board of Aldermen introduced herself to the Board.

3. Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Meeting - December 15, 2009

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Commissioners Healy and Smith made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the December 15, 2009, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Communications:

- Letter from Inspector Anthony Fino regarding his Spring, 2009, course list and included a copy of his grades. *Commissioners Healy and Smith made and seconded a motion to for action on the contractual reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.*
- Letter to Jack Yeomans of the Department of Transportation from Assistant Chief Robert J. Healey thanking the members of the DOT for work on the I-95 Standpipe Project.
- Letter from the Wallingford Fire Chief thanking department and Battalion Chief William Healey for participating in the oral panel for a promotional fire lieutenant.
- Letter from Matthew Arciulo thanking department for assistance with his wife's medical emergencies on several occasions.

5. Committee Reports

None

6. Chief's Report

Assistant Chief Johnson reported on the Sutphen Quint. He compared similar trucks in New Haven, Stamford, Norwalk, and Hartford. There was discussion held by all members. Chief LaVecchia offered explanation to Alderwoman Smith about the spare trucks.

Chief LaVecchia presented the department's annual report for 2009. He reported an increase in fire inspections in 2009.

Chief LaVecchia also reported that he met with the Mayor regarding the budget.

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Further discussion followed on the Standpipe Project and how testing will be moving forward.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

None.

9. Comments/Concerns of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Healy welcomed back Commissioner Stein and wished him well.

10. Adjournment

Commissioners Smith and Healy made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 1927 hours.
Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by C. Birney