

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2009**

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at Station 7 (55 Wheelers Farm Road). Fire Chief LaVecchia called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Thomas Riso, Carmen Corvino, Richard Smith, William Brennan, Howard Stein, John Healy and Jonathan Berchem. Also present were Chief Louis LaVecchia, Assistant Chiefs Lee Cooke and Daniel Johnson and Battalion Chief William D. Healey (7:06 p.m.).

2. Election of Officers

Commissioners Smith and Corvino made and seconded a motion to election Thomas Riso as Chairman, Carmen Corvino as Vice Chairman and John Healy as Secretary/Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief LaVecchia turned the meeting over to Chairman Riso.

3. Public Statements limited to the function of the Board of Fire Commissioners

None.

4. Consideration of Minutes of December 16, 2008

Commissioners' Stein and Corvino made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Riso recognized Battalion Chief W. Healey upon his arrival and asked if he wished to provide the Board with a history of Station 7.

Battalion Chief Healey welcomed the Board to the only station north of the Boston Post Road, which was built in 1968. He explained with the re-organization the station is manned with a lieutenant and two firefighters. He stated also with the re-organization, Rescue 2 now runs out of Station 7. He went on to explain the runs for this station and a history as to Artic Engine 1 Volunteers who used to man his station and their role.

5. Communications

Commissioner Healy reported he received the following correspondence:

1. A letter from Deputy Chief Fournier dated December 17, 2008 thanking the department's special services unit for their services at the police department's SRT drill on October 21, 2008.

2. A letter from department staff, Mrs. P. Hoppes, Mrs. C. Bierwirth and Mrs. M. Mudrick requesting the Board of Fire Commissioners forward to them in writing the current benefits of non-reps.

Chief LaVecchia stated there is nothing in writing as to what benefit they receive adding they are separate from the city. A lengthy discussion ensued as to the direction of the request.

Commissioners Berchem and Smith made and seconded a motion to refer to the Personnel Sub-Committee of the Board of Fire Commissions a letter (undated) received by the Board of Fire Commissioners on January 20, 2009, from the fire department office staff non-reps requesting an explanation of benefits. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief LaVecchia reported he received a letter of thanks from the Orange Volunteer Fire Department thanking Milford's Special Services Unit for their services at the funeral of past Chief K. Mitchell (Orange).

#### 6. Committee Reports

Assistant Chief Johnson reported Rescue 1 is out of service at the dealer for an electrical short. He explained the details. He also reported the Quint is waiting to be lettered and that Marine 1 needs a fire pump and motor, which will be re-built and is due back next week. Assistant Chief Johnson also reported the new truck is just about ready for a final inspection and that Battalion Chief Zingaro is making arrangements for the final inspection. Assistant Chief Johnson also reported the new Car 4 had been ordered under the State bid contract. He noted the new car would be white. He also reported the new maintenance truck is in service adding it had been painted by the Public Works Department and would be delivered next Wednesday. Finally, he reported the specifications are nearly finished for the replacement of the canteen truck and should go out to bid shortly.

#### 7. Chief's Report

Chief LaVecchia reiterated what had been reported earlier that Rescue 2 is now running out of Station 7. He explained it is part of the re-organization and is on a trial basis with two full time nights and two half nights on overtime. He reported the Mayor is working on a project from the Governor for "shovel ready" projects, which are projects past the design stage, ready to be built and anticipating federal funds. He stated he has put in for an addition to Station 8. Chief LaVecchia reported the Training Division has been busy. He stated

#### 8. Unfinished Business

Battalion Chief W. Healey reported on behalf of the Local 944/Sick Benefits Association concerning the monument located at Station 7. He reported at this time they were not looking for funding stating they currently have \$2,624 in the donation account and \$2,595 in the building and grounds account. He explained the proposal for the new design from Mrs. M. Mudrick. He also pointed out this is just an update until there is an estimate for the project. He also noted the Sick Benefits Association has already purchased and statute and that the Commissioners could view it tonight if they wished.

9. New Business

None.

10. Comments/Concerns of the Commissioners

None.

Commissioners' Smith and Corvino made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on February 17, 2009 at Station 8 (Naugatuck Avenue).

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary