

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Commissioners Conference Room at Fire Headquarters
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Call to Order: Chairman Riso called the meeting to order at 1905 hours. A quorum was present.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Thomas Riso, Karen Craig, John Healy, Howard Stein, and Jonathan Bercham, and William A. Brennan. Also present were Chief Louis A. LaVecchia, Assistant Chief Daniel L. Johnson, Lieutenant David Heenan, and Union President Paul Geer.

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

Union President Paul Geer thanked all who attended a recent wake.

3. Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Meeting - January 19, 2010

Commissioners Craig and Healy made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2010, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to amend the agenda to swear in Lieutenant David Heenan. *Motion made by Commissioner Bercham, second by Chief LaVecchia to amend the agenda to swear in Lieutenant Heenan. Motion carried unanimously.* Lieutenant David Heenan was sworn in.

4. Communications:

None.

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5. Committee Reports

Assistant Chief Johnson reported on the Sutphen Quint and discussion followed.

6. Chief's Report

Chief LaVecchia reported on his work with Assistant Chief Johnson on the city's fire hydrants, in accordance with Fire Department regulations. Discussion was held by all members.

Chief LaVecchia explained that there was an open position of the Safety Committee, and that this position is elected by the Mayor.

Motion made by Commissioner Craig, seconded by Commissioner Brennan to nominate Carmen Corvino for the position and to send a letter to the Mayor regarding same.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chief LaVecchia presented the Eastshore Fire Station Report to the Board. The Chief explained the various portions of the report, and discussion followed.

Commissioner Riso complemented the Chief on last meeting's annual report. Commissioner Brennan commented that the Fire Department's weekly meeting's minutes have been helpful.

Motion made by Commissioner Brennan, seconded by Commissioner Healy to enter executive session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into executive session at 1950 hours.

Motion made by Commissioner Healy, seconded by Commissioner Bercham to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board came out of executive session at 2011 hours.

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Motion made by Commissioner Stein, seconded by Commissioner Bercham to authorize the Chief to seek a \$1000 reimbursement from the Fire Department's Good and Welfare Fund for employee assistance, in accordance with the Employee Assistance Program for expenses not otherwise covered. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

None.

9. Comments/Concerns of the Commissioners:

None.

10. Adjournment

Commissioners Stein and Healy made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 2015 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by C. Birney