

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at Station 8, 349 Naugatuck Avenue. Chairman Riso called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

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 Chief/Fire Marshal Lee S. Cooke, Assistant Chief Daniel L. Johnson and Battalion Chief William D. Healey.

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

None.

3. Consideration of Minutes of January 20, 2009

Correction: Commissioner Corvino stated she did not second the motion for the Election of Officers. Commissioner Brennan stated he seconded the motion for the Election of Officers.

Commissioners' Corvino and Smith made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 meeting with the correction. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Communications

Commissioner Healy reported he received the following correspondence:

- Letter from US Department of Homeland Security FEMA dated 1-26-09 regarding flood plain management.
- Letter dated 12/20/08 from Military members stationed in Iraq – Thanks for the cookies!
- Letter from Tricia Page dated 1/30/09 – Thank you for helping her son and his dog.
- 2/1/09 letter from R. Oliver, 15 Inwood Road, Trumbull – Concerned about overcrowding at Daniel Street Club – Chief LaVecchia stated this complaint was forwarded to the Fire Marshal's Office and Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Lee S. Cooke stated it has been addressed.
- Letter dated 1/15/09 to Chief Louis LaVecchia from Mr. Richard Quinton – Thank you to Rescue 1 and Engine 7 for responding to his 911 call of 1/4/09.

5. Committee Reports

Assistant Chief Johnson reported Tower 1 is out of service for aerial repairs and routine maintenance. The Quint is acting Tower 1. Engine 9 is acting Engine 3. Engine 5 is out of service for the alternator and Engine 2 is acting. Spare apparatus available right now are Rescue 3 and Engine 8. Marine 1 is at Twin Lights for the fire pump motor and pump are being rebuilt and the new Engine 4 is in the State of Connecticut and should be in service in about a month. Assistant Chief Johnson also stated he is currently reviewing bids on the canteen truck.

6. Chief's Report

- Chief LaVecchia handed out a copy of the Mayors Budget to the Board of Fire Commissioners for review. A discussion on the budget ensued. Chairman Riso asked if we're going to make it with current budget? Chief LaVecchia stated only once in 13 years as Chief did we not make it. This year sick and injuries might be a factor. It will be close. Some long term sick and injured have since retired. Cost saving measures have

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been implemented. Temporarily cut Rescue 2 off Sunday nights until June. Commissioner Stein questioned cuts on Page 59, discussion ensued.

- Chief LaVecchia stated he received a letter regarding ISO flooding and has a meeting with them tomorrow. ISO rating is due by summer.
- Looking at replacing all the computers at the outside firehouses. 10 new units were awarded through the State bid process. Distribution would be completed in less than a week, including a computer at Milford Hospital for MFD EMS reporting where Medics will do their reports.
- MFD will be running an in-house EMT Refresher Course and will start next week.

7. Unfinished Business

Battalion Chief Wm. D. Healey requested \$1,500.00 from the donation account for the monument project at Station 7. Commissioners' Healy and Corvino made and seconded a motion to move the project forward and authorize up to \$1,500.00 from the donation account. Motion carried unanimously. Battalion Chief Wm. D. Healey thanked the Board.

8. New Business

None.

9. Comments/Concerns of the Commissioners

Commissioner Corvino asked Battalion Chief Wm. D. Healey if he would talk about the history of Station 8. Battalion Chief Wm. D. Healey stated Station 8 replaced the old Station 3 located at Naugatuck and Monroe and the old Station 4 on Spring Street. Construction was completed in 1997. Apparatus housed at Station 8 include Engine 3, Engine 4 as well as Special-Ops vehicles and equipment for the Hazmat and Dive Teams and Homeland Security Decon-Trailer and associated equipment. 1 Lieutenant and 5 Firefighters man station 8. Paramedic Engine Companies run out of this station. Station 8 is a double deep station with doors on both sides so Engines can drive through most of the time. BC Wm. Healey also discussed runs for this station.

Commissioners' Stein and Smith made and seconded a motion to go into executive session to discussion personnel matters at 7:51pm. Motion carried unanimously. Chief LaVecchia was requested into executive session at 8:38pm.

Commissioners' Stein and Smith made and seconded a motion to go out of executive session at 9:45p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners' Smith and Corvino made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:50p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mimi Mudrick