

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Commissioners Conference Room at Fire Headquarters
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 1901 hours. A quorum was present.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners John Healy, Karen Craig, Richard Smith, Kevin McGrath, Howard Stein, and William A. Brennan. Also present were Chief Louis A. LaVecchia, Assistant Chief Robert J. Healey, and Union President Michael Dunn.

Chairman Riso was excused.

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

None.

3. Swearing In:

None.

4. Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Meeting - January 17, 2012

Chief LaVecchia requested an amendment to his comments on page two of the minutes regarding the flood gauges. The statement should read false positive or location issues with the gauges.

Commissioners McGrath and Smith made and seconded a motion to amend the minutes as suggested by Chief LaVecchia. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Smith and McGrath made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2012, regular meeting as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Communications:

- a. Letter from Stratford Fire Chief Robert McGrath to Chief LaVecchia thanking the Department for their help and participation during the passing of a Stratford Firefighter.

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Chief LaVecchia and Union President Dunn informed the Commissioners of the Housatonic River Cleanup. Union President Dunn welcomed any volunteers to the event to help clean the marshes and the shoreline of the Housatonic River, and requested the support of the Department.

Commissioners Stein and McGrath made and seconded a motion to authorize the request made by Union President Dunn for support during the Housatonic River Cleanup under the auspices of public safety. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Committee Reports

Apparatus

Chief LaVecchia reported the new rescue truck arrived with a poor quality control rating. He stated the Department is awaiting further information regarding repairing these issues. The Chief also reported that the Tower is out of service for routine maintenance.

East Side Fire Station Building Committee

Commissioner Healy stated all the brickwork (except for the portion which will surround the building signage) has been completed. He explained the building will have an 8x8 limestone sign with black lettering. Commissioner Healy informed the Commissioners that the project is moving along well, with the majority of the interior partitions laid out and the shingles going up shortly.

Commissioner Healy informed the Commissioners that the Department was successful in obtaining a signal light for in front of the new station.

He opened the floor to questions.

7. Chief's Report

Commissioner Brennan asked Chief LaVecchia about the item in his report regarding land use. The Chief explained he had been invited to the meeting and he attended. Commissioner McGrath inquired about emergency medical billing; the Chief answered that it is still in the early stages and he would be meeting with the Assistant City Attorney later in the week to discuss this issue.

Chief LaVecchia summarized the statewide Kimball Report for the Commissioners. The report, in its conclusion, gives the State three options for consolidating the emergency dispatch system. The Commissioners discussed the report's suggestions, and the Chief said he would provide more information as it becomes available.

8. Unfinished Business:

Special Leave

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Assistant Chief Healey informed the Commissioners that the program they had recently implemented and began training on for the online shift tracking system had not been working as needed, and the Department sent an email to the company evoking the cancellation clause. Assistant Chief Healey explained he researched and found another program that would meet the Department's needs; however, the program cost is \$56,000 and the City is currently under contract with Kronos TeleStaff.

Chief LaVecchia stated they cannot move forward on this issue until they are sure the current contract will not be breached. He explained to the Commissioners how the TeleStaff software works.

9. Comments and Concerns of the Commissioners:

None.

10. Adjournment

Commissioners Smith and McGrath made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 1930 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by C. Birney