

**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Commissioner's Conference Room
At Fire Headquarters
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman McGrath called the meeting to order at 19:15 hours. A quorum was present.

Roll Call: In addition to the Chairman, Commissioners Smith, Stein, Brennan, and Weber were present. Also, present was Chief Douglas Edo and Assistant Chief Bernie Begley. Commissioners Riso and Stanford were not in attendance.

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

Jeff Luciano – President of IAFF Local 944 read a statement on behalf of the Union wherein he indicated that the Union did not agree with the decision reached by the Board pertaining to the matter discussed in Executive Session at the February 26, 2019 Board of Fire Commissioner's Meeting. The Union wanted this put on the record.

3. **Consideration of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting – February 26, 2019.

Commissioners Smith and Brennan made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2019, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Communications:**

Commissioner Smith reported that the Department received the following communications:

- i. Thank you email from Joe Apicella to the firefighters ("West Shore House") who responded to his home on March 6, 2019 on an emergency medical call.
- ii. Thank you telephone call from Retired Police Officer Richard DeVecchio to the fire department for responding to his home on January 10, 2019. He expressed his gratitude.

5. **Chairman's Report:**

Chairman McGrath wished the Union well with the up-coming James Mattioli 5K run. He expressed his hope for good weather.

6. **Committees Reports:**

- a) Personnel Committee: Commissioner Stein had nothing to report.
- b) Maintenance & Equipment Committee: Commissioner Brennan had nothing to report.

7. **Chief's Report:**

Budget – The Chief reported that the Board of Finance approved the Department's Budget request as submitted. It now moves to the Board of Alderman. No date has been set as of yet.

New Recruits – The Chief reported that the two new recruits that are currently in the Academy are doing well and have been selected as Squad Leaders.

Apparatus – One medic unit went back into service as a spare. It's still not up to full service but can be used in a pinch. The other medic unit is making headway. It has been fast-tracked by the manufacturer. It could be back in another week or so. The Chief reported that the crews are very happy with the new Engine 6.

8. **New Business:**

None

9. **Unfinished Business:**

None

10. **New Equipment:**

None.

11. **Comments and Concerns of the Commissioners:**

Chairman McGrath indicated that one of the Commissioners and the Board Secretary have a conflict with the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting on April 16th. Chairman McGrath inquired whether the Commissioners could reschedule the next meeting for Tuesday, April 23, 2019. All present Commissioners indicated that they could make an April 23rd meeting. Chairman McGrath indicated that he would check with Commissioners Riso and Stanford to see if that date works for them. If it does, the Chairman will make the appropriate notifications to the City Clerk regarding the rescheduled meeting.

12. **Adjournment:**

Commissioners Smith and Weber made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 19:24 hours. Motion carried unanimously. Recorded by Diane Stein