

**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting  
Commissioner's Conference Room  
At Fire Headquarters  
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT  
Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

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, Stanford and Weber were present. Also, present was Chief Douglas Edo and Assistant Chiefs Gary Baker and Bernie Begley. Commissioner Riso was not present.

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

None

3. **Consideration of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting – March 20, 2018

*Commissioners Smith and Brennan made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2018, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

4. **Communications:**

Commissioner Smith reported that the Department received the following communications:

i) A thank you note to East Side Fire Station 5 from the Milford Senior Center for the donation of food to the Milford Food Bank.

5. **Chairman's Report:**

Chairman McGrath reported that he personally contacted the 2 Firefighters injured last month during a fire on Naugatuck Ave. One Firefighter has since returned to work. The other suffered a very serious injury and may require 6 months or more recovery time. The Chairman indicated that he thanked each Firefighter for their service to our community.

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:**

Chief Edo indicated that the department has purchased a new ambulance. It is a Ford F-550 and the cost is \$230,000. Also, the department has awarded the new engine bid to Ferrara. They are the company that manufactured Squad 1. The bid cost is \$535,000 and will take 360 days to produce once contracts are signed.

Chief Edo report to the Commission that Kerry Warren, the department's recruit currently attending the Fire Academy is continuing to progress as expected.

Chief Edo said that 75 applicants were registered to take the 2018 Entry Level FireFighter written test, however, only 71 took the exam. Passing score was a 70. 50 of the 71 candidates who took the exam passed. Milford Physical Ability Test is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at Foran High School. Candidates will swim first before the physical ability test.

Finally, the Chief informed the Commissioners that Marine 1 went in the water this past Friday and responded to its first call the next day.

Commissioners Stein and Smith made and seconded a motion re-order the agenda to move Item VIII – Unfinished Business to the end of the agenda following Item XI – New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **New Equipment:**

None.

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

Commissioner Brennan indicated that the EMS Reports use to provide detailed information about departmental responses and requests for service was note in the current report. He indicated that he felt it was very important and useful information for the Commission to see. Asst. Chief Baker indicated that there is a new Dispatch Reporting System being used by the Department and that the Dispatchers no longer have access to the reports that Commissioner Brennan was referring too. A.C. Baker did inform Commissioner Brennan that the detailed information that he is looking for was broken down in his (A.C. Baker's) report to the Commission.

11. **New Business:**

None

8. **Unfinished Business:**

Commissioners Stein and Smith made and seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 7:25.

The Commission invited Chief Edo, Assistant Chiefs Baker and Begley into Executive Session.

Commissioners Smith and Stanford made and seconded a motion to exit from Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 8:56. Commissioner Stein noted that no votes were taken while in Executive Session.

12. **Adjournment:**

Commissioners Smith and Weber made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:57 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Stein