

Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting

Classroom at Fire Headquarters

72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT

Wednesday May 4, 2011

Call to Order: Chairman Riso called the meeting to order at 1913 hours. A quorum was present.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Thomas Riso, John Healy, Karen Craig, Richard Smith, and William A. Brennan. Also present were Chief Louis A. LaVecchia, Assistant Chief Robert J. Healey; and on behalf of the Union, Union President Paul Geer, Mike Dunn, and Larry Hoyt.

2. Grievance #11-001:

Commissioner Healy commented that the special meeting was starting late due to the East Side Building Committee Meeting running over on time. He apologized to everyone present.

Chairman Riso stated the business of the special meeting involved a personnel issue that should be handled in executive session. He noted that the individual to be discussed was notified of the special meeting. It was further noted that Chief LaVecchia and Assistant Chief Healey might be asked to provide testimony during executive session, with Paul Geer, Mike Dunn, and Larry Hoyt to be invited into executive session as necessary.

Union President Geer inquired if the Chief would be met with in executive session individually; Chairman Riso informed him that the Chief would be present in executive session in its entirety. Mike Dunn noted for the record on behalf of the Union his objection to it. Chairman Riso noted that he had inquired of both Tom Hennick of the FOI Commission and the Milford City Attorney; it was stated to him that as the policy stands, the Commissioners may invite members into executive session, but if someone is not giving testimony, they may be asked to leave.

Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting

Classroom at Fire Headquarters

72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT

Wednesday May 4, 2011

Commissioners Healy and Smith made and seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners invited Chief LaVecchia and Union President Geer to remain in attendance.

Executive session entered at 1917 hours.

Union President Geer exited executive session at 1944 hours.

Commissioners Brennan and Smith made and seconded a motion to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session entered at 2025 hours.

Commissioners Healy and Smith made and seconded a motion to deny the grievance. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adjournment

Commissioners Smith and Healy made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 2027 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by C. Birney