

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Commissioners Conference Room at Fire Headquarters
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Call to Order: Chairman Riso called the meeting to order at 1905 hours. A quorum was present.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Thomas Riso, Karen Craig, John Healy, Richard Smith, Howard Stein, Jonathan Bercham, and William A. Brennan. Also present were Chief Louis A. LaVecchia, Assistant Chief Robert J. Healey, Assistant Chief Daniel L. Johnson, and Lieutenant Steve Romano.

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

None.

3. Swearing In:

Lieutenant Steve Romano was sworn in.

4. Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Meeting - April 20, 2010

Chairman Riso handed out an addendum to the April 20, 2010, meeting.

Commissioners Smith and Healy made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2010, Regular Meeting as presented, with addendum. Motion carried unanimously.

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5. Communications:

- Thank-you letter from Eric Auscavitch, who visited the firehouse for the day.
- Letter from Ellen Hackett thanking the firefighters who provided her assistance during the previous flood by pumping water out of her house twice.
- Letter from the Executive Director of the Literacy Center of Milford, Tammy Jackson, thanking the Department for their help during the recent Leprechaun Leap.

6. Committee Reports

Assistant Chief Johnson reported that everything is in service.

Commissioner Healy reported that the Building Committee met for the first time the past Thursday. The Committee has already chosen officers, architect requirements, and meeting schedules.

7. Chief's Report

Chief LaVecchia reported that the Board of Aldermen voted on the budget, and it was left intact.

The Chief informed the Board that the recruit graduation was the following day.

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Chief LaVecchia then explained that Steve Rable was called to Maryland for the Coast Guard Reserve.

Chief LaVecchia commented that the Department did a tremendous job on the recent Laurel Avenue fire. Chairman Riso also extended his kudos for the job they did, especially because of the house's close proximity to the other houses in the area.

8. Unfinished Business

Chief LaVecchia discussed the proposed changes to the next entry-level test, i.e. making a maximum age of 35, adding five points for living within a 10-mile radius, etc. He said he would like to bring those ideas to a vote at the next meeting.

9. New Business

None.

10. Comments/Concerns of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Stein asked about the June fundraiser details and was told it was being held on June 5th at Eisenhower Park from 12 to 8.

11. Adjournment

Commissioners Smith and Healy made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 1919 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

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