

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
June 16, 2009

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at Fire Headquarters, 72 New Haven Avenue. Chairman Riso called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Thomas Riso, John Healy, Carmen Corvino, Richard Smith, William Brennan, and Jonathan Berchem. Excused: Commissioner Howard Stein. Also present were Chief Louis A. LaVecchia and Assistant Chief Robert J. Healey

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

Commissioner Smith discussed an event held on the Milford Green last weekend honoring past Milford Fire Chiefs. Chief LaVecchia said the great granddaughter of Frank Stevens, Milford's first Fire Chief, contacted him. She was searching for a photograph of Foreman Stevens. Chief LaVecchia located a photo hanging in the Fire Commissioners Conference Room, had it duplicated and presented it to her this past Sunday on the Green at the Volunteer Annual Memorial Service.

3. Consideration of Minutes of May 19, 2009

Commissioners' Smith and Brennan made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Communications

Commissioner Healy reported he received the following correspondence:

- Letter of appreciation from Carl Earn Fire Investigations dated 5/27/09 to Fire Marshal Lee Cooke now retired, regarding the Department's outstanding performance at a recent fire at Milford Fabricating. "It was obvious the Milford Fire Department is Class 1 in more ways than one". A donation check in the amount of \$100.00 toward new Canteen truck was included with the correspondence. *Commissioners' Healy and Smith made and seconded a motion to accept the \$100.00 donation. Motion carried unanimously.*
- Letter of thanks dated June 4, 2009 to Ms. Kim Hughes from Battalion Chief William D. Healey for donation of three knock down display cases to the Milford Fire Department.
- Memo from Chief Louis A. LaVecchia dated June 16, 2009 to the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting permission to hold over any unused vacation days for himself and Assistant Chief Johnson. *Commissioners' Healy and Smith made and seconded a motion granting permission to hold over unused vacation days for Chief LaVecchia and Assistant Chief Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.*

5. Committee Reports

- Discussion held regarding capital improvements. Commissioner Brennan feels very strongly Stations 5 and 6 be combined and suggested the Board look at some possible locations. Chief LaVecchia stated he has information from past Chiefs to

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contribute due to the fact capital improvements to Station 5 and 6 and coverage of the Red Bush area of the City has been a re-occurring concern over the past 20+ years. Chairman Riso recommended a sub-committee be formed to gather information in order to submit a request to the Mayor. Chairman Riso appointed Commissioners' Berchem, Brennan and Healy to the sub-committee.

6. Chief's Report

Chief LaVecchia reported on the following items:

- We finalized prep work for a Lieutenants Test and a sign up list will be posted.
- CT State Fire Academy is in conducting a 2-day aerial tactical course and will follow it up in the spring with a 2-day pump course.
- Discussed the Fire Department budget.
- Discussion held on Inspector Fino's request last month to have his current college degree reviewed by the Board for educational supplement.
Commissioners' Berchem and Corvino made and seconded a motion for any member matriculating toward a Masters level degree in a Fire Science or related field, without an undergraduate degree in Fire Science or related field, shall be awarded the Bachelors Degree educational incentive as long as said member attends and passes a minimum of one class per semester (spring and fall) or has completed a Masters level degree in a Fire Science or related field. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

Commissioners' Corvino and Smith made and seconded a motion to suspend Board of Fire Commissioners meetings in July and August. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Comments/Concerns of the Commissioners

- Commissioner Healy extended Congratulations to the Dinosaurs on the new canteen truck.
- Commissioner Corvino extended Congratulations to Assistant Chief Robert J. Healey on his recent promotion.

10. Adjournment

Commissioners' Smith and Berchem made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:55p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Mudrick