

**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Commissioners' Conference Room
at Fire Headquarters
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

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

Roll Call: In addition to the Vice-Chairman, Commissioners Smith, Riso, Stanford, Brennan and Weber were present. Also, present was Chief Douglas Edo, Assistant Chief Gary Baker and Assistant Chief Bernie Begley. Chairman McGrath was unable to attend the meeting.

2. **Public Statements limited to the function of the Board of Fire Commissioners:** None

3. **Consideration of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting – May 16, 2017.

Commissioners Smith and Stanford made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2017, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Communications:**

Commissioner Smith reported that the Department received the following communications:

- i) Letter from Wendy Gibbons, Program Director of the Milford Prevention Council, and Raymond Vitali, Chair, to Chief Edo, Gordon Parmalee and the Dinosaurs for their generous contribution towards their 6th Annual Ride for Hope Charity Motorcycle Ride. Through the department's support it helps to continue their mission of preventing youth substance use within the Milford community.
- ii) Thank you note from Robin Weissauer and the Danni Dash Committee to the Chief, the Fire Department and Rose for their generous donation of time and support for this successful event.
- iii) Thank you note and donation of \$40 from Anna Crocker to the Milford Fire Dept. thanking the firemen who came to her recent aid.

Commissioners Brennan and Stanford made and seconded a motion to accept the donation and deposit it to the Good and Welfare Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

- iv) Chief Edo noted that he had received a phone call from the Captain of Operations calling on behalf of Chief Mello of the Milford Police Department thanking the Fire Department for their assistance and for the smooth operation of the Incident Command System in connection with the recent emergency operation at Eisenhower Park.

5. **Chairman's Report:**

None

6. **Committees Reports:**

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

7. **Chief's Report:**

- a) New Engine - Chief Edo and Asst. Chief Begley reported that the new engine (Squad 1) was in house and was expected to be in service by end of the week. He invited the Commissioners to view the Squad following the meeting.
- b) New Recruits - The Chief reported that the new recruits have graduated from the academy and have been assigned to shifts for a 2 week training period. Thereafter, they will be permanently assigned to shifts.
- c) Fire Inspector - The Chief indicated that new fire inspectors have been assigned to the Fire Marshal's office and will begin training in September on Fire Code Compliance at the State Fire Academy. This module will be completed in November. Classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

8. **New Business:**

None

9. **Unfinished Business:**

None

10. **New Equipment:**

None

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

Commissioner Stanford indicated that she attended the recent Fire Department Memorial Ceremony and noted that the “firefighters never cease to amaze.” She noted that it was a wonderful ceremony and she noted how impressed she was when a call came in and one of the engines had to leave in the middle of the ceremony. She noted how quick the response was for the firemen to get into their protective gear and depart for the call. Commissioner Stein added that he, Chairman McGrath and Commissioner Riso were also in attendance. Commissioner Stein noted to Union President Ricci that he has attended many of these ceremonies over the years but thought this one went very well. He added that the breakfast that followed in the truck bays of Station 7 was a great touch. In his opinion, better than the formality of restaurants of the past. He felt that it gave the ceremony a much more personal touch almost like an old volunteer fire department Sunday breakfast. Finally, he noted that the crew that received the call during the ceremony was Quint 5.

Adjournment:

Commissioners Smith and Riso made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 19:25 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Prepared by Recording Secretary Diane Stein