

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, October 19, 2021

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman McGrath called the meeting to order at 18:05 hours. A quorum was present.

Roll Call: In addition to the Chairman, Commissioners Stein, Weber, Brennan, and Smith were present. Also, present were Chief Edo, and Assistant Chief Fabrizi.

Absent: Commissioners Riso and Stanford.

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

None.

- III. **Consideration of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting – September 21, 2021

Commissioner Smith and Stein made and second a motion to except the minutes of September 21, 2021. Motion carries unanimously.

- IV. **Communications:**

Commissioner Smith reported the department received the following communications:

- I. A letter from the Milford Professional Firefighters Local 944 requesting permission from the board to approve the Unions solicitation for funds and toys for their annual Toys for Tots Holiday Program.

Chairman McGrath stated this would go on the agenda under new business.

- V. **Chairman's Report:**

Chairman McGrath stated he was able to talk to Assistant Chief Begley prior to his departure and thanked him for his years of service to the department. Chairman McGrath acknowledged the promotion of Captain Christopher Waiksnoris to Battalion Chief and Lieutenant Peter Phelan to Captain during the month of September.

VI. Committees Report:

- a) Personnel Committee: None
- b) Maintenance & Equipment: Commissioner Brennan stated the aerial report was satisfactory but minor adjustments are needed and will be repaired.
- c) Safety Committee Liaison: Commissioner Brennan stated concerns were being addressed regarding maintenance and firehouse facilities.

VII. Chief's Report:

Engine 4 -The new Engine 4 is currently in service, the new modems have arrived, and antennas will arrive soon, this will be the first truck fitted with the new MDT's.

New Ambulance -The new Medic 3 is local, and equipment is being installed. It will be able to be viewed at the EMS Expo at the vendor's request.

WSFS ramp repair - Chief Edo stated the front ramp has been repaired hopefully this will allow for suspension system relief on apparatus.

HQ ramp repair – The tower bay ramp has been repaired and looks great. Chief Edo also stated the maintenance division are repairing items in the Special Services building.

Recruits – The department is waiting to get all the background checks to be submitted to the personnel committee. Chairman McGrath inquired about the estimated date of completion. Chief Edo stated possibly by November. Commissioner Stein stated when half are received the personnel committee should be informed so interviews can be scheduled.

Retirement party - A retirement/holiday party is scheduled for December honoring 228 combined years of service. Chief Edo acknowledged the vast amount of knowledge that would be celebrated.

VIII. New Business:

Commissioner Stein and Weber made and second motion to amend the agenda to add Local 944 annual request for the Toys for Tots program. Motion carries unanimously

- a) Toys for Tots Annual Holiday Toy Drive:

Commissioner Stein and Smith made and second motion to allow Local 944 permission for solicitation for the Toys for Tots program. Motion carries unanimously.

Chairman McGrath thanked the Local for their efforts and hard work with the Toys for Tots program.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- a) Recruit Training – Chairman McGrath stated that the recruit training aspect was an investigational fact-finding discussion no vote was taken, and no vote was needed. The item will stay on the agenda this month but will not be on the agenda going forward unless requested. At this time the eleven proposed recruits would go to the Connecticut State Fire Academy. No change has been made and the department will stay status quo. Chairman McGrath reiterated the information that had been presented was fact finding for discussion and thanked Battalion Chief Zak and Captain Halprin for their time and gathering of information. Chief Edo stated the recruit class begins on February 14, 2022.

X. New Equipment:

Chairman McGrath inquired about the board members viewing the new equipment. Chief Edo stated he would have the vehicles available for viewing.

XI. Comments and Concerns of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Brennan stated he appreciated the clarity of Battalion Chief Wassmer's EMS report.

XII. Adjournment:

Commissioners Smith and Stein made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 18:15 Motion carried unanimously.