

**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting**  
**At Eastside Station**  
**980 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT**  
**Tuesday, August 18, 2020**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman McGrath called the meeting to order at 19:20 hours. A quorum was present.

**Roll Call:** In addition to the Chairman, Commissioners Smith, Stein, Riso, Brennan and Weber were present. Also, present was Chief Douglas Edo and Assistant Chiefs Begley and Fabrizi. Commissioner Weber had a previous engagement. Commissioners Stanford and Riso were not present.

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

None.

3. **Consideration of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting – July 21, 2020

*Commissioners Smith and Brennan made and second a motion to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. Motions carried unanimously.*

4. **Communications:**

None.

5. **Chairman's Report:**

Chairman McGrath wanted to thank the Chiefs and everyone in the department for their hard work during this past storm and he asked the Chief to pass his message on to the rank and file.

Chairman McGrath also wanted to thank the department noting the upswing of water rescue calls.

6. **Committees Reports:**

- a) Personnel Committee: None
- b) Maintenance & Equipment Committee: None

**7. Chief's Report:**

Recruits – Chief Edo reported that the recruits had graduated and had begun their training. They will be assigned in the coming weeks.

New Engine - Chief Edo reported that the new engine is progressing up the manufacture's assembly line but is a little behind schedule due to COVID. Updated pictures of the build will be on-line soon.

Storm Q&A – Chief Edo thanked the Commission for its recognition of the department during the storm. The guys did a phenomenal job. He indicated that the department had 210 call in the 3-hour period during the height of the storm. Remarkably, there was only one injury when a tree fell on an occupied car. There were no house fires. Most calls were for power lines and downed trees. The Chief reported that the department hired 3 additional firefighters to work over-time during the storm. The Chief reported that the department is currently working on collecting data to help the city calculate a dollar value for losses sustained within the City that are related to the storm. The City will be making a relief claim with FEMA.

Chairman McGrath asked if the extra costs such as additional manpower and overtime costs to the department will be part of that calculation? The Chief indicated that he would calculate those numbers and submit them to the City. Chairman McGrath indicated to the Chief that he would like to see those figures. He indicated to the Chief that the department should receive those monies back in its budget from the City should the City receive reimbursement from FEMA.

Chairman McGrath asked Asst. Chief Begley when the new engine should be completed? The Asst. Chief indicated late October or early November. He further indicated that the department would not be sending an inspection team to the factory to examine the engine before it is delivered to the department as we would usually do due to COVID. Rather, the new engine will be examined in house and the department will work with the local representative of the manufacture on any post assembly issues.

**8. New Business:**

None.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

None

**10. New Equipment:**

None.

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

None.

12. **Adjournment:**

Commissioners Smith and Brennan made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 19:32.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Stein