

**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Commissioner's Conference Room
At Fire Headquarters
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

1. **Call to Order:** Chief Edo called the meeting to order at 19:15 hours. A quorum was present.

Roll Call: Commissioners McGrath, Smith, Stein, Brennan, Riso and Stanford were present. Also, present was Chief Douglas Edo and Assistant Chiefs Gary Baker and Bernie Begley.

2. **Election of Officers:** Chief Edo congratulated the three reappointed Commissioners and then asked if there were any nominations for the Board Officers.

Commissioners Riso and Brennan made and seconded a motion to nominate Commissioner McGrath as Board Chairman, Commission Stein as Board Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Smith as Board Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McGrath took control of the meeting at 19:18. He thanked the Board for their continued confidence and support.

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

None.

4. **Consideration of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting – December 18, 2018

Commissioners Smith and Riso made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2018, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Communications:**

Commissioner Smith reported that the Department received the following communications:

a. Christmas card from Deborah DeCarvalho together with a donation in the amount of \$35.00.

b. Thank you letter from Allergy Asthma & Immunology LLC together with a donation in the amount of \$100.00.

Commissioners Stein and Riso made and seconded a motion to accept the donations and deposit them into the Department's Good & Welfare Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Chairman's Report:**

Chairman McGrath expressed his hope that everyone had a great holiday season. He also thanked the department and all members of the FD who responded to the fatal truck motor vehicle accident last week further indicating that no one should have to deal with a situation like that.

7. **Committees Reports:**

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

8. **Chief's Report:**

Budget: Chief Edo indicated that he is still waiting on a date to present the Department's budget to the Board of Finance. He remains optimistic that the Department's 5% budget increase will be approved.

New Medic Unit: The Chief indicated that the new medic unit went into service and was in service for four days when it was involved in an accident. The unit is currently out of service while the insurance company is assessing the damage.

New Engine 6: Not in service yet. Still a few final things left to do. The department is hoping to have it in service next week.

Lieutenant Testing: The second phase of the Lieutenant testing is complete. All candidates did very well. The final list is posted and promotions will occur next week.

Vehicles (New Car 4, 2 Inspector's Cars): Chief indicated that the Department has received budgeting for the replacement of Car 4. In addition, the Fire Marshal's Office is in desperate need of 2 Inspector's cars. The Chief is seeking Board approval to purchase a new Car 4 as well as preapproval to purchase 2 Inspector's cars once budgeting has been approved.

Commissioners Stein and Riso made and seconded a motion to permit the Chief of the Department to purchase a replacement for Car 4 from preapproved budgeted funds.

Commissioners Stein made and Smith made and seconded a 2nd motion to permit the Chief of the Department to purchase 2 vehicles to be used by Inspectors within the Fire Marshal's Office once budgeted whether in this fiscal year or next.

Commissioner Brennan indicated that a discussion was necessary on the Motions. The Chairman opened discussions on the Motions. Commissioner Brennan inquired about the status

of the current vehicles performing these tasks. Chief Edo addressed these issues including explaining how one vehicle had to be pulled from service because the frame was crack. That vehicle has since been junked.

The Chairman requested a vote on the Motion put forth by Commission Stein.

A vote was held on the Motions proposed by Commissioner Stein. Both Motions carried unanimously.

Finally, Chief Edo noted that Paramedic-FF Elam delivered a baby on duty last week and has previously delivered at least 3 other babies. What makes this particularly interesting is that FF Elam was himself delivered by Milford Firefighters years ago.

9. **New Business:**

None.

10. **Unfinished Business:**

a) Discussion of Monthly reports - Chairman McGrath indicated that there are additional EMS reports in this month's reports packet pursuant to last month's request of Commissioner Brennan.

11. **New Equipment:**

None.

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

Commissioner Riso noted that the eight candidates that passed the Lieutenant's test shows how very talented the firefighters are that we are hiring into the department.

13. **Adjournment:**

Commissioners Smith and Riso made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:30 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Stein