

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 2009

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at Fire Headquarters, 72 New Haven Avenue. Chairman Riso called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners Thomas Riso, Carmen Corvino, William Brennan, Howard Stein, John Healy and Jonathan Berchem. Also present were Chief Louis LaVecchia, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Lee S. Cooke, and Assistant Chief Daniel L. Johnson. **Excused:** Commissioner Richard Smith

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

None.

3. Consideration of Minutes of February 17, 2009

Commissioners' Corvino and Healy made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Communications

Commissioner Healy reported he received the following correspondence:

- Letter from Town of Wallingford Fire Department dated March 10, 2009 addressed to Chief Louis LaVecchia thanking the Department, Captain R. Mohr and Captain D. DelVecchio for assistance during their application process to go online as an Emergency First Responder Paramedic Company.

5. Committee Reports

Assistant Chief Daniel L. Johnson reported new Car 4 and new Engine 4 are both at Station 7 repair shop and should be in service on or about April 1, 2009. Marine 1 is out of service for routine maintenance and should be in service on or about April 1, 2009. Tower 1 is out of service for routine maintenance and the Quint is acting. Engine 9 is acting Engine 3 and spare apparatus available right now are Engine 2 and Rescue 3.

Commissioner Healy reported the Board of Fire Commissioners received and accepted a letter of withdrawal from non-reps dated January 23, 2009 regarding a previous request.

At this time Lieutenant Holinko, Firefighter Wengenroth and Firefighter Rabel joined the meeting and Commissioner Riso presented the crew from Engine 7 with a Safety Award.

6. Chief's Report

- In today's paper it was reported the Local 944 Milford Firefighters Union agreed not to take a pay raise. I applaud the Local 944 and its Leadership for their actions.
- I attended the Board of Finance workshop regarding the budget. Discussion ensued.
- Discussion held on Homeland Security funds disbursed from Washington being divided up regionally. It looks like our Region 2 will be getting a Burn Trailer for training. New Haven offered to store the Regional Burn Trailer.
- Discussion held on possible use of Army's building on Seemans Lane for storage.

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- I met with Dean Ward of University of New Haven to negotiate an agreement for personnel to receive a reduction in tuition premiums.
- I am meeting with the Regional Water Authority tomorrow regarding checking and improving 3 deficient water areas.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

None.

9. Comments/Concerns of the Commissioners

Commissioner Riso said he'd like to echo the Chief's commendation and a "tip-of-the-hat" to Local 944 Firefighters and their Leadership for responding to the City's needs.

10. Adjournment

Commissioners' Corvino and Berchem made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

The next Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Mudrick