

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2009

The Board of Fire Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at Fire Headquarters, 72 New Haven Avenue. Chairman Riso called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

1. Roll Call

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

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

None.

3. Consideration of Minutes of March 17, 2009

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

4. Communications

Commissioner Healy reported he received the following correspondence:

- Letter dated March 17, 2009 to Milford Fire Department from Mr. Robert Pergament thanking the Department for services.
- Memo from Senior Fire Inspector Andrew T. Vargo to Mayor James L. Richetelli, Jr. dated March 30, 2009 requesting permission to accept a non-matching fund grant check in the amount of \$500.00 from Connecticut Fair Plan Anti-Arson Committee to purchase camera equipment for the Fire Marshals Office. Chief LaVecchia stated the grant was presented to and accepted by the Board of Alderman.
- Card addressed to Milford Fire Department dated April 15, 2009 from Christy and Lexi Koclanowicz thanking the Department for services.
- Progress pictures of the Monument project at Station 7 reviewed.
- Invitation to benefit addressed to Commissioner Thomas Riso, Jr. from Beth-El Center.
- Flyer for Fundraiser this weekend to benefit Rape Crisis Center 'Walk-A-Mile In Her Shoes'. Chief LaVecchia said he would be participating.

5. Committee Reports

Assistant Chief Daniel L. Johnson reported on the following items:

- New Engine 4 is in service. Photograph submitted for review.
- Engine 3 (Quint) is in service.
- Engine 7 has a throttle sensor problem.
- Old Engine 4 is now being identified as Engine 8 and is out of service for routine maintenance.
- New Car 4 command center is being installed. Photograph submitted for review.
- Marine 1 is in the water. Pump test scheduled this week.
- Old Engine 8 has been stripped of useable parts by the shop.
- Special Unit for the Dinosaurs is in New Jersey. Photographs submitted and reviewed.

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6. Chief's Report

Chief LaVecchia reported on the following items:

- Peer Fitness program completed. The men will be helping the others reach fitness goals.
- Fire on 3/31/09 at 46 Erna Avenue and fire on 4/19/09 at 783-785 Naugatuck Avenue were discussed.
- I met with Regional Water Authority on March 18, 2009 to discuss insufficient water areas. I met with Regional Water Authority (RWA) again yesterday addressing water improvements needed in the area of Erna Avenue.
- On Friday 4/24/09 at 5:30pm the following promotions will take effect due to the retirement of Captain William Holveck: Lieutenant Daniel Wassmer will be promoted to Captain and Firefighter David Heenan will be promoted to Lieutenant. The Lieutenants List is now exhausted.
- I presented a Power Point presentation of the Fire Departments budget to the Board of Alderman on Monday 4/20/09. Request was made to restore funds to 4 accounts.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

None.

9. Comments/Concerns of the Commissioners

- Commissioner Riso stated Captain Zak is doing a great job of keeping the Commissioners informed via: e-mail and brings forward the best of the Milford Fire Department.
- Commissioner Healy inquired about recognitions for recent fire at 783-785 Naugatuck Avenue. Chief LaVecchia said yes, requests are going to be brought forward.
- Commissioner Brennan stated Milford Fire Department did an excellent job at a recent fire on Erna Avenue, and was impressed by the cooperation between MFD and both career and volunteer mutual aid responders. Chief LaVecchia said he called for mutual aid to assist with water supply needs and at the height of the fire we were flowing 5000 gallons per minute. Commissioner Stein asked about activating Code Red. Chief LaVecchia said we knew exactly what was there and no threat existed. Commissioner Stein asked when would Code Red be implemented? Discussion held regarding current Code Red package and the Chiefs recent request to the Board of Alderman for an upgrade to the current package to include unlimited minutes. Commissioner Riso added he heard nothing but good comments from all over.

10. Adjournment

Commissioners' Smith and Corvino made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Mimi Mudrick