

**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Commissioners' Conference Room
at Fire Headquarters
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, May 17, 2016**

1. **Call to Order**: Chairman McGrath called the meeting to order at 19:12 hours. A quorum was present.

Roll Call: In addition to Chairman McGrath, Commissioners Stein, Brennan, Weber and Stanford were present. Also, present were Chief Douglas Edo and Assistant Chiefs Gary Baker and Bernie Begley.

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

Firefighter Jason Stacoffe addressed the Board. He indicated that he is the Chairman of the Union's Muscular Dystrophy Association ("MDA") Fundraising Committee. He was requesting permission from the Board to engage in fundraising activities for the MDA (including a "boot drive".) He indicated that last year the Union raised \$6,100 for MDA through fund raising efforts and that this year their goal is to raise \$8,000.

Commissioners Stein and Brennan made and seconded a Motion to permit Local 944 to engage in fund raising activities to benefit MDA. Motion carried unanimously

3. **Consideration of Minutes**:

Regular Meeting – April 19, 2016

Commissioners Stein and Stanford made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2016, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously with Chairman McGrath abstaining since he was not in attendance for the April 19, 2013 meeting.

4. **Communications**:

Board Secretary Commissioner Smith was unable to attend the meeting. Any communications will be carried over to the next regularly scheduled meeting in June.

5. **Chairman's Report**:

Chairman McGrath indicated that there has been a series of meetings with City Hall pertaining to various department issues. He also indicated that there was a favorable ruling obtained by the department pertaining to the EMS service plan. Chairman McGrath noted the favorable decision was obtained after a series of hearings. This was great news and he wanted to thank outside counsel, Attorney David Slossberg and his staff. The Board should be dealing with this issue in the future.

6. Committees' Reports:

A) Personnel Committee:

Commissioner Stein indicated that the written test has been administered. Forty-nine individuals passed. The next portion of the entry level hiring process is the oral examination which is scheduled for June 2, 2016. The survival swim test and physical ability test will take place shortly thereafter. The entire process should be completed with results available for the July regularly scheduled meeting.

B) Maintenance & Equipment Committee:

Commissioner Brennan indicated that the Committee met with Asst. Chief Begley. Commissioner Brennan noted that A.C. Begley did a "fantastic job preparing and presenting his report for the committee." Commissioner Stanford noted that she was "astounded by the meeting" further indicating that "she knew nothing about the trucks before the meeting and now she knows everything." Chairman McGrath asked if the report had been passed out to the Board. Commissioner Brennan indicated that he thought it was in our packets. Chairman McGrath indicated he wanted to get a copy of the report off to City Hall. Commissioner Brennan indicated that the committee's next meeting will discuss EMS and apparatus.

7. Chief's Report:

Testing - Chief Edo reported that there were 80 applicants for the entry level firefighter positions but only 78 applicants took the test. There were 2 no shows. 49 Applicants passed the test to advance to the next portion. The testing process is continuing.

Negotiations – The Chief reiterated that the collective bargaining process has begun and that the parties are scheduled to meet to discuss ground rules on May 19, 2016.

Budget - The Board of Alderman approved the department budget last week.

New Medic Unit – Chief Edo indicated that the new medic unit was delivered to the department yesterday. All the Commissioners are invited to see it after the meeting. The unit has already been inspected and certified by the State. It will be going to DMV on Friday to be registered.

Marine 1 - Assistant Chief Baker reported that Marine 1 is back in service. It has already responded to 3 or 4 calls. The motors are completing the "break-in" period. Half of the department coxswain are qualified. The other half will qualified shortly. Marine 1 is totally functional.

New Engine - Assistant Chief Begley reported that the department had a follow up meeting to the pre-build meeting with Ferrara. Everything is advancing. Plans for the new

Engine are available for inspection in the Chief's office. The truck should be coming onto the production line within 4 weeks. Members of the Board can follow production on-line if interested. Asst. Chief Begley will get web-site information. The truck should be completed by mid-October.

8. **New Business:**

None

9. **Unfinished Business:**

A) Swearing in/Awards Ceremony - Chief Edo reported that Battalion Chief Fabrizi is looking to secure City Hall for a potential ceremony towards the end of June. Chairman McGrath asked if an Awards Committee was needed? Chief Edo indicated that he thought there might be some nominations that need to be examined. He indicated that he would report back to the Board.

10. **New Equipment:**

None.

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

None.

12. **Adjournment:**

Commissioners Stein and Brennan made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 19:25 hours. Motion carried unanimously.


Recorded by Diane Stein.