

**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Commissioner's Conference Room
At Fire Headquarters
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

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

Roll Call: In addition to the Chairman, Commissioners Smith, Stein, Brennan, Riso and Weber were present. Also, present was Chief Douglas Edo and Assistant Chief Bernie Begley. Commissioner Sanford arrived at 19:20.

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

None

3. **Consideration of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting – November 21, 2017

Commissioners Brennan and Riso made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2017, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Sanford was not present at the time of vote.

4. **Communications:**

Commissioner Smith reported that the Department received the following communications:

- i. A letter from the Mayor to Chief Edo thanking him for attending the Mayor's Inauguration and for escorting him adding to the "pomp and circumstance" of the event.
- ii. A thank you card from Noe and Beverly Charland containing a \$50.00 donation for all the TLC provided during calls for service at their home.
- iii. A thank you card from Jarry and Margaret Popel containing a \$25.00 donation wishing the department a joyful Christmas and thanking the department for helping twice during the year.
- iv. Communication from BC Wetmore requesting permission to host the James Mattioli 5K Road Race scheduled for March 24, 2018. Chairman McGrath asked to pass this and address it under new business.

Commissioners Stein and Smith made and seconded a motion to accept the above-referenced donations and deposit them into the "good and welfare" fund. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Sanford was not present at the time of vote.

5. **Chairman's Report:**

Chairman McGrath wanted to thank and congratulate the Union on their “Toys for Tots” event. The Chairman indicated that he was very impressed and wanted to thank everyone for helping children and their families.

Chairman McGrath indicated that City Clerk JoAnne Rohrig has published the Fire Commissions Regular Meeting dates for 2018.

Chairman McGrath expressed best wishes to the fire personnel and their families for the upcoming Holiday on behalf of the Commission.

6. **Committees Reports:**

a) Personnel Committee: Commissioner Stein had nothing to report.

b) Maintenance & Equipment Committee: Commissioner Brennan had nothing to report. Chairman McGrath noted that the Department is working on a truck wash for the Seemans Lane Property and he wanted to thank all involved for their efforts.

7. **Chief's Report:**

Budget: Chief Edo indicated that the Chiefs met with the Mayor and presented the Department’s budget for next year. He indicated that it was the same budget as this current year with a slight increase in the holiday account. The Chief indicated that the Mayor accepted the Budget as submitted.

Retirement Dinner: Chief Edo reported that Lt Jason Hall and FF Jack Geary retired and a dinner was held for them. He indicated that he was unable to attend due to a prior commitment but that he personally called each man and wished them well and thanked them for their service.

New Apparatus: The Chief reported that the City’s next bond package will include a new engine and ambulance.

Commissioner Riso noted that Engine 7 seems to be running a lot of calls lately and asked if that’s where the new engine would go. The Chief indicated that Engine 6 is older and exposed to more salt but the mechanics would look at all apparatus before a final decision was made.

8. **New Business:**

Commissioners Stein and Smith made and seconded a motion to amend the agenda to add BC Wetmore’s request to allow the department to host the James Mattioli 5K Road Race to New Business. Motion carried unanimously (Commissioner Sanford voting).

Commissioners Stein and Smith made and seconded a motion to allow BC Wetmore and the department to host the James Mattioli 5K Road Race scheduled for March 24, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Unfinished Business:**

None.

10. **New Equipment:**

None.

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

Commissioner Stein wanted the Commissioners to be aware of the Connecticut Supreme Court decision entitled Williams v. Housing Authority of the City of Bridgeport which was released yesterday and how this decision can impact municipal liability as it relates to activities of the Fire Marshal's Office. He suggested that Commissioner review the decision.

Chairman McGrath wished everyone a great holiday.

12. **Adjournment:**

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

Recorded by Diane Stein