

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, April 16, 2024

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Kevin McGrath called the meeting to order at 18:31 hours. A quorum was present.

Roll Call: In addition to the Chairman, Commissioners Thomas Riso, Richard Smith, William Brennan, and Peter Smith were present. Also, present were Chief Anthony Fabrizi, Assistant Chief Christopher Waiksnoris, Assistant Chief Stephen Rabel, Battalion Chief AJ Murphy, and Local 944 Rep Lieutenant Kevin Frank.

Absent: Commissioners Howard Stein, and Cynthia Twiss

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

None

- III. **Consideration of Minutes:**

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Commissioners R. Smith and P. Smith made and second a motion to accept the minutes of March 19, 2024. Motions carried unanimously.

- IV. **Communications:**

None

- V. **Chairman's Report:**

Chairman McGrath thanked all involved for the work with the open house on April 13. He also thanked Deputy Tim Suden for the PSA with intumescent paint. Chairman McGrath stated he is in talks with officials concerning a long-range planning committee, he will have more information at next month's meeting.

- VII. **Committee Reports:**

- a) Personnel Committee: None
- b) Maintenance Committee: Commissioner Brennan stated apparatus have been going out for repairs regularly.
- c) Safety Committee Liaison: Commissioner Brennan stated in person meetings are important as face-to-face discussions are helpful.

- d) Education Committee: Commissioner P. Smith talked about the open house; he stated the open house was well received by all. Visits to stations would be helpful for Alderman to see how dispatching happens into their neighborhoods.

VIII. Chiefs Report:

Chief Fabrizi submitted his report to the board; Commissioner P. Smith questioned the potential OSHA update. Assistant Chief Waiksnoris explained the OSHA standards could be changed per NFPA 1710. The information has been sent out for public comment. Chief Fabrizi noted the money that would come from the sale of Tower 1 would come back to the department to absorb some repair costs. Chairman McGrath thanked Peter Erodici for his response regarding the directive of disbursement of income received from the sale of Tower 1, that came from the intern mayor.

Commissioners P. Smith and Riso made and second a motion to amend the agenda to add New Business b.) Grievance 24-002. Motions carried unanimously.

IX. New Business:

a) Potential sale of Tower 1:

Assistant Chief Rabel explained an offer of \$20,000 has come in for the sale of Tower 1. If approved by the commission the logistics company from Miami who purchases it would store it in a museum in Turkey. All Milford Fire logos have been removed as well as the radio, computer, ground ladders, med vault and knox box.

Commissioners Brennan and P. Smith made and second a motion to approve the sale of Tower 1 in the amount of \$20,000. Motions carried unanimously.

b) Grievance 24-002

Lieutenant Kevin Frank stated to the board the grievance is regarding bidding. The union believes the bidding process has been violated as medic units at headquarters should be separated to indicate if Medic 1 or Medic 2 is wanted. This would allow for pride and morale with members and allow senior members to get the truck they bid on. Chief Fabrizi explained the intention of the admin is not to discourage morale but to allow for distribution of ALS personnel. He noted in 2018 some employees wrote in which medic truck was preferred. Chairman McGrath questioned if the trucks were the same. Battalion Chief Murphy explained that all trucks are licensed the same and have the same equipment on each unit. He noted there is no uniformity in storage of the equipment as each truck is laid out differently.

Commissioners P. Smith and Riso made and second a motion to enter into executive session for the board to consider presentations from the Local 944 rep and the Chief regarding Grievance 24-002. Motions carried unanimously.

Chairman McGrath requested that the Chief and Lieutenant Frank remain nearby for purpose of offering opinions or testimony.

The board enters executive session at 19:10.

Lieutenant Frank is asked to enter executive session at 19:16.

Lieutenant Frank exits executive session at 19 :34.

Chief Fabrizi is asked to enter executive session at 19:34.

Chief Fabrizi exits executive session at 19:44.

The board exits the executive session at 19:45

Commissioners Riso and Brennan made and second a motion to return to public session.
Motions carried unanimously.

Chairman McGrath noted no votes were taken during the executive session.

Commissioners P. Smith and Riso made and second a motion to deny Grievance 24-02.
Motions carried unanimously.

IX. **Unfinished Business:**

None.

X. **New Equipment:**

Chairman McGrath stated in Chief Fabrizi's report the new E One Typhoon pumper is getting equipment installed but could be back in possession as soon as next week.

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

None.

XII. **Adjournment:**

Commissioners R. Smith and Brennan made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 19:46
Motion carried unanimously.