

**Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
Commissioner's Conference Room
At Fire Headquarters
72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

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

Roll Call: Commissioners McGrath, Smith, Stein, Brennan, Riso and Weber were present. Also, present was Chief Douglas Edo and Assistant Chiefs Begley and Fabrizi. Commissioner Stanford notified the Chief's office that she was ill and would not be attending tonight's meeting.

2. **Election of Officers:** Prior to the election of Officers, Chief Edo congratulated Commissioners Smith and Riso on their reappointed to the Board of Fire Commissioners and Chief Edo offered his condolences to the family of Town of Orange Fire Marshal Tim Smith and to the entire Orange Volunteer Fire Department following the untimely death of Fire Marshal Smith. Chief Edo indicated that he was a well-regarded and respected member of the fire services and he will be missed greatly by his family and the Orange Volunteer Fire Department. Thereafter, Chief Edo asked for nominations for the Board Officers.

Commissioners Riso and Brennan made and seconded a motion to nominate Commissioner McGrath as Board Chairman, Commission Stein as Board Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Smith as Board Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McGrath took control of the meeting at 19:18.

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

None.

4. **Consideration of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting – December 17, 2019

Commissioners Riso and Smith made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2019, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Communications:**

Commissioner Smith reported that the Department received the following communications:

- i. A Christmas card from Deborah DeCarvalho together with a donation in the amount of \$35.00.

Commissioners Stein and Riso made and seconded a motion to accept the donations and deposit them in the Department Good & Welfare Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brennan indicated that he wanted to thank Lt. Dombrowski and the rest of the department members as well as Nelson's Ambulance Company for their unbelievable assistance they provided to him during a recent medical episode. He expressed that the service the Milford Fire Department provided to him was superior and that the community is very lucky to have such a dedicated and experienced group serving our City.

6. **Chairman's Report:**

Chairman McGrath also indicated that he wanted to congratulate Commissioners Smith and Riso on their reappointments and expressed his hope that everyone had a great holiday season.

7. **Committees Reports:**

- a) Personnel Committee: Commissioner Stein had nothing to report.
- b) Maintenance & Equipment Committee: Commissioner Brennan had nothing to report.

8. **Chief's Report:**

Budget: Chief Edo indicated that the department will present its budget requests to the Board of Finance on February 10th.

New Car 4: Chief Edo indicated that the car is not in service yet. There is a part on back order. The vendor believes that the part will be received in about a week and once the part is installed the car will be in service.

New Engine Bid: The bid package will go out tomorrow from the City purchasing agent. The closing date of the bid is February 18th.

Emergency Management: The department had a meeting with the Mayor to discuss flooding and flooding awareness. Current flood monitors are obsolete. The department together with the City is looking into new technology to help monitor coastal flooding.

Year End Summary: The Chief indicated statistical summaries of 2019 fire department calls for service were included in the Commissioner's packets. The Chief discussed some of the statistical data with the Board. Following the discussion, Chairman McGrath asked if false alarms were recorded in the statistics and if there were fines levied for repeated false alarms. The Chief indicated that the information was in the discussed stats and that fines have not been assessed in sometime. It was noted by Chief Begley that the Mall is a location with frequent

false alarms. This was supported by Commissioner Smith who noted that there are frequent false alarms at the gym he attends at the mall. Chairman McGrath also asked the Chief about the Motorola Radio grant. Asst. Chief Fabrizi noted that the department was in the process of replacing department radios with the grant money.

9. **New Business:**

None.

10. **Unfinished Business:**

None.

11. **New Equipment:**

None.

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

Commissioner Riso wanted to offer a big thank you to the Local for their successful Toys for Tots holiday drive. Firefighter Jason Stacoffe indicated that the drive provided gifts to over 300 families with over 500 children receiving holiday presents.

13. **Adjournment:**

Commissioners Smith and Riso made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 19:29 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Diane Stein