

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
At Eastside Station
980 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman McGrath called the meeting to order at 19:14 hours. A quorum was present.

Roll Call: In addition to the Chairman, Commissioners Smith, Stein, Riso, Brennan and Weber were present. Also, present was Chief Douglas Edo and Assistant Chief Fabrizi. Commissioner Stanford was unable to attend.

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

None.

3. **Consideration of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting August 18, 2020

Chairman McGrath noted that the minutes last month should reflect that Commissioner Weber was not at last month's meeting.

Commissioners Smith and Brennan made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. Motions carried unanimously.

4. **Communications:**

Commissioner Smith reported that the Department received the following communication:

- i. \$150 donation to The Milford Fire Department from Leslie Nicholson.

Commissioners Stein and Riso made and seconded a motion to accept the above referenced donation of \$150 and deposit it into the "Good and Welfare" Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Chairman's Report:**

None.

6. **Committees Reports:**

- a) Personnel Committee: None
- b) Maintenance & Equipment Committee: None

7. Chief's Report:

Retirement/Promotion: The Chief announced that Dave Lazo a current fire inspector with the department was retiring after 27 years of service. Firefighter Rachel Zickefoose has accepted the open position as fire inspector.

The Chief noted that the hiring list has expired and that they will have to run another test.

Apparatus annual testing: The Chief updated the Board on the new engine which should be delivered in October/November. However, he is anticipating that there could be a delay if the plant were affected by the current hurricane.

The Chief discussed that the fire department has been running through their annual testing of fire equipment. Engine 7 did not pass the pump test. The pump was disassembled, and a stone was discovered inside. The stone damaged the impellor blades and became lodged in the impellor shaft. The Chief indicated that the cost to repair the pump was estimated at \$11,000 and the Chief was hopeful that the fire department would receive full reimbursement for this damage directly from the responsible company. Either that company would directly pay for the repair invoice or would reimburse the City to be deposited back into the FD's budget.

Chief Edo noted that the FD's semiannual fall propane tank collection will not take place this year due to budget restraints.

8. New Business:

None.

9. Unfinished Business:

None.

10. New Equipment:

None.

11. Comments and Concerns of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Riso asked about the long-standing heating issues at the East Haven Station and if this was going to be resolved anytime soon with the cold weather approaching. He asked about the status of the reserve that had been held back from the payment due to the original project vendors. Commissioner Brennan noted that the increased cost to the department using electric space heaters is not the solution to this issue. Chairman McGrath indicated that he would get an update from the City for the next meeting regarding the funds.

12. **Adjournment:**

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

Recorded by Diane Stein