

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Special Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2010

Attending the meeting were Chairman Michael Bogis, Vice Chairman Wayne Malicki, Commissioner Tim Ryan, Commissioner Susan Ruggeri-Thornton, Alternate Commissioner Robert Allen, Fire Chief Charles R. Doback, Jr., Deputy Chief Ken Hanks, Mayor Bob Mezzo and Mindy Fragoso, Burgess Liaison.

Absent was Secretary Armand Brodeur. Mayor Bob Mezzo and Mindy Fragoso, Burgess Liaison joined after the Parks Commission Meeting.

Chairman Bogis called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Chairman Bogis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bogis asked Alternate Robert Allen to sit in for Secretary Armand Brodeur.

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by Susan Ruggeri-Thornton to amend the minutes of the January 4, 2010 Commission Meeting to include Vice Chairman Wayne Malicki in attendance.

FOR:

M. Bogis  
W. Malicki  
T. Ryan  
S. Ruggeri-Thornton  
R. Allen

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by T. Ryan to accept the NFD Administrative Reports.

FOR:

M. Bogis  
W. Malicki  
T. Ryan  
S. Ruggeri-Thornton  
R. Allen

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Local 1219 Issues:

There were no issues

NEMAC:

Deputy Chief Hanks their meeting last month was looking into the need for shelters, in town, in for emergencies. A discussion was held.

Plan Review

There were no plan reviews

Budget Transfers and Review

Chief Doback passed out the approved budget with reductions in the training, building repairs and retirement accounts, to the Commission and reported on the presentation of the department's budget to the Finance Board; he thanked the Chairman and Deputy Chief for their participation. A discussion was held.

Drug Testing NFD – discussion and update

There was no discussion.

Committee Report:

W. Malicki reported that the Equipment Committee has their needs list in order to be presented to the Finance Board's Capital Equipment Meeting.

W. Malicki reported on the Mechanic's Position Committee. The Town's Attorney is meeting with the Union.

Deputy Chief Hanks handed out the Annual Report on the departments activities; types of calls, total incidents, fire calls, fires in buildings, rescue calls, mutual aid calls and occurrences. A discussion was held.

Alarm System Ordinance Change

A discussion concerning language to be added to the Borough's Ordinance on Alarms, setting up a system for permits, false alarms, and other issues was held.

Comments from Commissioners:

W. Malicki commented on the excellent job done by Fire Inspector Scanlon, and the department on the Annual Poster Awards Ceremony held at the department on January 28th, and the participation of the schools, teachers, families, and Wal-mart.

R. Allen brought up a communication problem in the department that he was aware of. Chairman Bogis said that we have a chain of command. If someone has gone through the chain of command, and they are unhappy, they can come before this commission anytime. A discussion was held.

Comments from the Public:

Burgess Liaison Fragoso questioned if the Fire Commission needed to review the plans for parking at Guntown Park. Chief Doback responded that it would be reviewed only if received from the Zoning, or Engineering Offices

Chairman Bogis presented Fire Commissioner Susan Ruggeri-Thornton with her Fire Commissioner's badge.

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by S. Ruggeri-Thornton the meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

FOR:

M. Bogis  
W. Malicki  
T. Ryan  
S. Ruggeri-Thornton  
R. Allen  
Mayor Mezzo

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Respectfully Submitted:

*Louise Ross*