

Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2009

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

Absent from the meeting was Mindy Fragoso, Burgess Liaison.

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

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by T. Ryan to accept the minutes of the August 3, 2009 meeting.

FOR:

M. Bogis

T. Ryan

A. Brodeur

W. Malicki

S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

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

FOR:

M. Bogis

T. Ryan

A. Brodeur

W. Malicki

S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

Correspondence:

Chief Doback read a letter from the High Rock Shooting Club to the Commission, and the Fire Department requesting the department's participation in the Shooting Club's annual Safety Day, September 20th from 1:00pm – 5:00pm, at the Naugatuck High School.

Chief Doback read a thank you letter from Charles Marino of the Naugatuck Historical Society for helping celebrate their 50th Anniversary on August 29th.

Chief Doback read a letter from the Connecticut Department of Public Safety confirming that the Fire Marshall's staff certifications are up to date.

Chief Doback read an invitation to the department to attend Shipman's Fire Equipment Open House, on September 25th, in Waterford, CT

Chief Doback read a thank you note from the Cavanaugh Family for condolences expressed on the passing of the Deputy Chief of Waterbury Fire.

Chief Doback read a newsletter from the Connecticut Water Company reporting on the replacement of 2700 feet of a water main on Elm Street and plans to replace other water pipes within the Borough.

Chief Doback read an obituary for Donald Kirk who passed in July. He was a Naugatuck Fire Commissioner for many years.

Local 1219 Issues:

President Ricci questioned the status of personal equipment repairs. Chief Doback assured him they are being taken care of done. President Ricci questioned when the ice machine pump would be repaired. Chairman Bogis reported that there is a mechanic lined up to repair the ice machine

NEMAC:

Deputy Chief Hanks reported that NEMAC has contracted with the State of Connecticut to begin WEB EOC training; in October. And they are working with the Naugatuck Valley Health District with the First Meds Program.

Plan Review

There were no plan reviews.

Budget Transfers and Review

There were no transfers.

Drug Testing NFD – discussion and update

Mayor Mezzo reported that he has a tentative meeting scheduled with Local 1219's lawyer, on September 30, 2009, at 1:00pm.

FF Walter Seaman off Probation to stay at Step 3

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by A. Brodeur to move FF Walter Seaman off Probation to stay at Step 3

FOR:

M. Bogis
T. Ryan
A. Brodeur
W. Malicki
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
Mayor Mezzo

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

A discussion was held, concerning the wording of the Union 1219 Contract for the pay step requirements.

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by A. Brodeur to amended the previous motion to Step 4 - after the requirements are verified.

FOR:

M. Bogis
T. Ryan
A. Brodeur
W. Malicki
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
Mayor Mezzo

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

Committee Report:

W. Malicki reported that the committee met on August 17, 2009 and presented an extensive list of the Committee's needs for personnel and equipment for the department. A discussion was held.

Chairman Bogis suggested a need to prioritize the list, and also to form a committee for the hiring of a Mechanic. W. Malicki, T. Ryan and A. Brodeur agreed to be a part of that Committee.

Executive Session for Litigation

The Commission went into Executive Session at 7:20.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:42.

Comments from Commissioners:

There were no comments from commissioners.

Comments from the Public:

Fire Lieutenant Greg Flaherty spoke about problems with campfires; the new fire pits, wood burning stoves, and the complaints that have to be responded to, in the community. He presented research he had done. A discussion was held.

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by A. Brodeur the meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

FOR:

M. Bogis
T. Ryan
A. Brodeur
W. Malicki
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
Mayor Mezzo

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Louise Ross