

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING JULY 27, 2021

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Fire Commission was held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the training room at Northeast Co4, 366 Washington Ave, North Haven, CT.

Commissioners Present:

Pasquale Nuzzolillo, Chairman
Michael Zuccarelli, Vice Chairman
Mary Jane Mulligan, Secretary
Jennie Caldwell, Commissioner
Joseph Cappucci, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Paul Januszewski, Fire Chief

Chairman Nuzzolillo called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Chairman Nuzzolillo held the Swearing In Ceremony and read the volunteer firefighter oath to Josh Mednick of West Ridge Co3. He congratulated him and thanked his family and also thanked him for his commitment to serve the Town of North Haven. Chief Januszewski also congratulated him and thanked him for joining the volunteer company.

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Mulligan to approve the minutes of the Board of Fire Commission Special Meeting that was held on June 16, 2021. After brief discussion was had regarding the minutes, they were approved "as corrected".
VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Mulligan – yes, Cappucci – yes, Caldwell – yes

Chief Januszewski discussed his Chief's Report and spoke regarding the following: EMS alarms; EMS billing; current budget and last fiscal year will be discussed at next meeting; permit fees received and fire marshal office details were discussed. Training within the department was also discussed. Lastly, he spoke of the CAD vendor and registering all apartment locations within the complex into the I-pads for easier access once arriving at calls.

Brief discussion was had amongst the Commissioners regarding the Chief's report.

Chief Januszewski stated he had received an invite to a Ceremony for 9-11 on the Town Green and made the commission aware. Chairman Nuzzolillo then asked if any commissioners had any correspondences to share with the commission – Commissioner Caldwell spoke regarding an email address for the Board of Fire Commissioners through the Town IT for any residents that wish to contact the commission with any questions/concerns.

Chief Januszewski discussed the unfinished business within the department. He spoke about the progress of the new training center behind Northeast Co4 station; state of fire apparatus; discussion of new recruits' interviews; VFF recruitment drive received 4 applicants who are going to the interview process; seat belt law passed for back seat passengers to be seat belted.

Brief discussion was had amongst the Commissioners regarding the unfinished business.

Commissioner Caldwell had comments regarding the hydrant painting situation throughout town; she also suggested to perhaps have a committee to rewrite the Rules & Regulations of the Fire Department within the commission and then bring to the Board to vote on.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated he spoke to First Selectman Mike Freda and he is actively looking to underwrite the cost for a contractor to paint hydrants. He then stated it was a good idea to put together a committee for the Rules & Regs to be rewritten. The committee will consist of himself, Mary Jane Mulligan and Jen Caldwell.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for motions to be made within the department.

Commissioner Caldwell made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Cappucci to elevate FF Sibilski and FF Chavez to Grade B, effective August 8, 2021.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Cappucci – yes, Caldwell – yes

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Zuccarelli to elevate FF Berrey to Grade A, effective August 10, 2021.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Cappucci – yes, Caldwell – yes

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Mulligan to accept Sarah Pucci as a probationary member of West Ridge Co3, effective immediately.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Cappucci – yes, Caldwell – yes

Chief Januszewski spoke of the new business within the fire department. He spoke about the national standard implementation for FD service calls regarding pump outs for water in basements within the town.

Brief discussion was had amongst the Commissioners regarding the new business within the department.

Chief Januszewski discussed the good of the fire department. He stated that the next recruit class begins August 30, 2021 and graduation will be December 10, 2021. He also mentioned that the CT State Firefighters Association is holding their annual Hall of Fame Dinner honoring Retired Chief Vincent Landisio at Aqua Turf on September 23, 2021 beginning at 6:00 PM tickets are \$40. Please contact Yvonne at the fire department if you wish to get tickets.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if anyone had any public comments – none heard.

There being no further public business to come before the Board of Fire Commission, Commissioner Cappucci made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Mulligan to convene an executive session at 6:57 PM.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Cappucci – yes, Caldwell – yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated that conditional offers of employment were made to two (2) prospective candidates.

Chairman Nuzzolillo mentioned that the next Board of Fire Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated - hearing no other public comments and having no further business to come before the Board of Fire Commission he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Cappucci to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Zuccarelli – yes, Mulligan – yes, Cappucci – yes, Caldwell – yes

Reminder: The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:00 PM.