

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2022

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A meeting of the North Haven Board of Fire Commission was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM @ Montowese Co2, 282 Quinnipiac Ave, North Haven, CT.

### **Commissioners Present:**

Pasquale Nuzzolillo, Chairman  
Vincenzo Gallo, Vice Chairman  
Mary Jane Mulligan, Secretary  
Jennie Caldwell, Commissioner  
Patricia Brown, Commissioner

### **Commissioners Absent:**

### **Staff Present:**

Paul Januszewski, Fire Chief

Chairman Nuzzolillo called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission held on November 22, 2022.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Gallo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Caldwell – yes, Brown - yes

### CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Januszewski discussed his Chief's Report and spoke regarding the following: EMS alarms; current budget FY 22/23; permit fees received; EMS billing; staffing impacts; lastly, fire marshal office details.

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

### CORRESPONDENCES:

Chief Januszewski stated he had received a letter thanking Northeast Co4 for their help during a recent event held at Co4's station.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then read a letter from the Board of Fire Commission to Michael Freda, First Selectman regarding union negotiations. After reading the letter he stated he heard back from Michael Freda stating that Chief Januszewski would be a part of union negotiations immediately. Chief Januszewski then stated that he was included in the next negotiation meeting but that there had not been a meeting since.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Januszewski spoke regarding the leased engine and assured that it will be coming shortly. He then discussed more apparatus issues; lastly, he discussed the Fire Prevention poster contest and thanked Board of Ed for all their help getting this going and thanked the volunteer stations for their donation to the winners of the contest.

Brief discussion was had amongst the commission regarding the strain of the fleet of our apparatus at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chief Januszewski stated that the budget proposals were sent over to finance. He then spoke about the hiring process currently going on within the fire department with regard to filling recent vacancies and adding more firefighters - very challenging situation.

Lengthy discussion was had amongst the commission regarding the new business.

**GOOD OF FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Januszewski he had nothing for the good of the fire department.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Retired Volunteer FF Ray Prunier spoke about schooling and training for people looking to become Paramedic's and EMT's within the department and the rising costs to do so. He is in full support of the Town helping to pay something toward those costs as it is pretty expensive.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated he couldn't agree more and thanked him for his comments. Hearing no further business to come before the Board of Fire Commission, he asked for a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Caldwell made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Mulligan to convene an executive session at 6:42 PM.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Gallo – yes, Caldwell – yes, Brown - yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated Commissioner Gallo had a motion he would like to make.

Commissioner Gallo made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Mulligan to promote Christopher Spoldi from Lieutenant to Captain, with a date to be determined by Chief Januszewski.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Gallo – yes, Caldwell – yes, Brown - yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if there was any further business to be discussed. None heard.

Chairman Nuzzolillo then wished everyone a very Happy Holiday season and announced when the next Board of Fire Commission meeting would be held as well as a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at Fire Headquarters beginning at 5:00 PM. He then 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 Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Gallo – yes, Caldwell – yes, Brown – yes

**Reminder: The next regular Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM @ Montowese Co2. Also, there will be a special meeting of the Board of Fire Commission to be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at Fire Headquarters at 5:00 PM executive session only to conduct interviews for entry level FF's.**