

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2022

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Fire Commission was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the community room at Montowese Co2, 282 Quinnipiac Ave, North Haven, CT.

Commissioners Present:

Pasquale Nuzzolillo, Chairman
Vincenzo Gallo, Vice Chairman
Joseph Cappucci, Commissioner
Jennie Caldwell, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent

Mary Jane Mulligan, Secretary

Staff Present:

Paul Januszewski, Fire Chief

Vice Chairman Gallo called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He stated that Chairman Nuzzolillo would be heard via zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Caldwell made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Cappucci to approve the minutes "as corrected" of the Board of Fire Commission Regular Meeting that was held on January 25, 2022.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Gallo – yes, Mulligan – absent, Cappucci – yes, Caldwell – yes

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Januszewski discussed his Chief's Report and spoke regarding the following: EMS alarms; EMS billing; current budget; permit fees received and fire marshal office details; new Recruits hired within the department were also discussed; tentative Go Live Date of May 28, 2022 for all 4 shifts to be working out of Co2; monitoring the status of volunteer's – current number of VFF's, their number of responses and response times to calls. He stated the volunteers respond to incidents such as: all commercial fire alarms; all accidents on the highway; all building and car fires. Sick and injury would be discussed during executive session.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chief Januszewski stated he received correspondences from town residents thanking the department for their quick response to a fire and also for the delivery of test kits and N95 masks. He also received a letter from City of New Haven FD thanking the department during a recent funeral. Lastly, he spoke of an award provided to himself and Andy DelVecchio received for Region 2 from the Army National Guard after receiving 4.5 million items during the course of covid at the Rec Center. Chief thanked all the Town people involved for their help and support during this time.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire commission thanked the Chief and all involved with regard to this award, it's a recognition that's well deserved.

OLD BUSINESS OF FD:

Chief Januszewski had no old business to discuss.

Commissioner Caldwell spoke with regard to the upcoming budget and encourages all commissioners to support the push for increase in personnel – it's clear by the numbers that more fire personnel are needed.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated during the State of Town Address which took place last week, he had an opportunity to talk to a number of Board of Finance members pushing for more firefighters due to the call volume and more economic development coming into the Town of North Haven.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Januszewski stated he needed a motion to elevate 2 firefighters due to contractual obligations.

Commissioner Gallo made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Caldwell to elevate FF Rondeau and FF Piscitello to Grade B, effective February 28, 2022.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Gallo – yes, Mulligan – absent, Cappucci – yes, Caldwell – yes

GOOD OF THE FD:

Chief Januszewski stated he had nothing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

There being no further public business to come before the Board of Fire Commission, Commissioner Caldwell made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Gallo to convene an executive session at 6:46 PM.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – absent, Gallo – yes, Cappucci – yes, Caldwell – yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:26 PM.

Commissioner Gallo made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Caldwell to move Ray Prunier from volunteer firefighter status to Fire Operations Support Command.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – absent, Gallo – yes, Cappucci – yes, Caldwell – yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated when the next Board of Fire Commission would be held and 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 Caldwell made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Gallo to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – absent, Gallo – yes, Cappucci – yes, Caldwell – yes

Reminder: The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM @ Montowese Co2 – Community Room.