

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 22, 2022

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

### **Commissioners Present:**

Pasquale Nuzzolillo, Chairman  
Mary Jane Mulligan, Secretary  
Joseph Cappucci, Commissioner – arrived late  
Jennie Caldwell, Commissioner

### **Commissioners Absent**

Vincenzo Gallo, Vice Chairman

### **Staff Present:**

Paul Januszewski, Fire Chief

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Caldwell to approve the minutes of the Board of Fire Commission Regular Meeting that was held on February 22, 2022.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Gallo – absent, Mulligan – yes, Cappucci – late arrival, 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; meetings with Town departments regarding permits.

Commissioner Cappucci arrived to the meeting.

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

Commissioner Caldwell asked Chief Januszewski to clarify call volumes. Chief stated on a monthly and yearly basis is the calls of service report, so that is all separate incidents throughout the year. Commissioner Caldwell then asked Chairman if he received any materials in terms of the budget as well as encumbrances within the department's clarification. Lastly, she spoke about paramedic billing costs under special revenue fund that were removed and she asked Chairman Nuzzolillo to ask Chairman Monico to pass that on to the people so that it is clear. Chairman Nuzzolillo will follow up with Chairman Monico.

### CORRESPONDENCES:

Chief Januszewski shared some correspondences received from the residents of the Town of North Haven thanking the department for both their service at their time of need and also for the masks and test kits that were distributed by the Fire Department. Lastly, West Ridge Co3 placed

an ad in the playbook on the back page at a recent play at the North Haven High School actively recruiting volunteers within the Fire Department.

Commissioner Caldwell asked for clarification regarding hoarding incidents and how the fire department gets involved with those. Chief Januszewski stated when it impacts egress or involves tenants for life and safety issues. The department will assist other different town agencies and assess the situation and bring the issue to light of what the next steps are or if there is a fire safety issue. If not, then it goes to social services after that.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing from the fire departments standpoint.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nothing from the fire departments standpoint.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked where the department is with the training tower and repair of the apparatus that was struck on the highway. Chief stated that training tower is complete and the department has been using it for training; apparatus is ready to be repaired, parts are ordered and trying to minimize the down time of it being out of service. Hopeful for 4-6 weeks to be back in service, E3 to be used in its place. Rescue 1 is still out of service, there will be a remedy for repair but not a dependable ambulance and won't be used back in service as a rescue.

Brief discussion was had amongst the commission regarding volunteer firefighters.

Commissioner Cappucci thanked the department for their assistance at his time of need. Chief Januszewski stated he will pass that on.

**GOOD OF FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Nothing from the fire departments standpoint.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sally Buemi – 5 Blossom Drive responded to Commissioner Caldwell regarding the special revenue fund and Deputy Chief of Operations salary/position. She then had some questions and concerns regarding the fire department with regard to Lieutenants/personnel, incidents and the presentation at the Board of Finance workshop regarding staffing up per the Chief's savings and analysis sheet he discussed. At the same time, Chief Januszewski tried to help her to better understand regarding her questions and concerns. Anything that he did not have an answer for at this time, he stated he will get back to her with answers by the next Board of Fire Commission meeting. Ms. Buemi thanked the Chief for helping to educate her on these issues.

Discussion was had amongst Board of Fire Commissioners regarding her concerns within the fire department.

Ms. Buemi encouraged all town's people to attend the Town meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7pm at the North Haven High School to help educate themselves about the budget and to make an informed vote at the referendum. Chairman Nuzzolillo thought it was great that Ms. Buemi was educating herself with regard to the fire department and also encouraged the town residents to attend the Town meeting.

There being no further public business to come before the Board of Fire Commission, Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Cappucci to convene an executive session at 7:10 PM.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second by Commissioner Cappucci to accept Anthony Rapuano as a probationary member of Montowese Co2, effective immediately.

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

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second by Commissioner Caldwell to accept Andrew Romaniuk as a probationary member of West Ridge Co3 pending national background check, effective immediately.

VOTE: Nuzzolillo – yes, Mulligan – yes, Gallo – absent, 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 Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Caldwell to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

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

**Reminder: The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM @ Montowese Co2 – Community Room.**