

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MAY 24, 2022

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Fire Commission was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM @ 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Gallo made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Cappucci to approve the minutes of the Board of Fire Commission Regular Meeting that was held on April 26, 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; recent fires and investigations; lastly, May 28th the department goes live with all four shifts staffed at Co2. Other: Chief spoke of new generator being installed at fire headquarters.

Brief discussion was had amongst the commission regarding the Chief's report and recent fires in town.

Commissioner Caldwell asked Chairman Nuzzolillo if there was any update on getting copies of the monthly budget status of the fire department's budget. Chairman Nuzzolillo stated he heard nothing back from Finance, he will try once again.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked about the 47 dispatched calls canceled enroute. Chief Januszewski stated that with the ambulance service in Town, the ambulance arrives on scene first at times and there is not a need for fire resource, so they will cancel the fire department.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Commissioner Caldwell read a correspondence received from a town resident regarding acquiring an electronic fire apparatus due to climate change. Chief Januszewski responded and stated that it's not financially feasible in North Haven and doesn't see it as an option as we are not a big city and the manufacturers are not local to repair, should there be an issue arise.

Brief discussion was had amongst the commission regarding the correspondence.

Commissioner Caldwell spoke about an email address for the Board of Fire Commissioners that was supposed to be on the Town website. She asked where can the public find that link on Town website. Chief Januszewski stated that any emails for the commission come to him first and he forwards them to the commissioners. Commissioner Caldwell stated she will check with the First Selectman's office to see if the commissioners could all have an email address linked for the Fire Commissioners this way residents could access that one email address through the town website instead of personal email addresses.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing from the fire departments standpoint. Chairman Nuzzolillo asked about the status of the training center. Chief Januszewski stated that there are some minor items to be finished but the tower is being used daily for training (i.e. ladders, smoke machine, search evolutions, standpipes, rescues, forcible entry etc.) just no burning.

Commissioner Caldwell asked for an apparatus update. Chief Januszewski spoke of all apparatus with regard to repairs and maintenance as well as the new engines and rescue that were ordered.

Brief discussion was had amongst the commissioners regarding old business and budget with regard to apparatus, fire admin vehicles, gear etc.

Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked all the town residents for coming out and voting in favor of the referendum for next fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing from the fire departments standpoint.

GOOD OF FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Januszewski stated that the Memorial Day parade is scheduled for May 28, 2022 with a ceremony on the Town Green to take place before hand.

Commissioner Caldwell asked about wellness and mental health should an issue occur after dealing with a terrible incident, where can the members get resources from. Chief Januszewski stated there are good resources out there and all members are aware of how to reach them.

Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked Chaplain Detweiler for his years of service to the department.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Sally Buemi, 5 Blossom Drive was present to get answers to question she had in March regarding statistical information on fire department facebook page about total calls received in calendar year 2021, with 1378 missing and what constituted them missing. Chief Januszewski stated that there were 4896 calls and he only listed a sampling of call types that people are most interested in. The difference that were not included are services calls, unauthorized burning, lock outs, good intent calls, false calls and alarms, canceled enroute. Ms. Buemi thanked Chief for his response. She also had a comment to Chairman regarding the administrative vehicles are not in the budget but rather they will be purchased through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act).

Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked her for the clarification. Brief discussion was then had about the apparatus including new apparatus on order.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if there were any other 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 6:51 PM.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if there were any more comments. Commissioner Caldwell asked about the fire ops program. Chief Januszewski stated he believes it will be in September.

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 Cappucci to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

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

Reminder: The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 6:00 PM @ Montowese Co2.