

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING JULY 28, 2022

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Fire Commission was held on Thursday, July 28, 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
Joseph Cappucci, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent

Jennie Caldwell, Commissioner

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 Gallo to approve the minutes of the Board of Fire Commission Regular Meeting that was held on June 28, 2022.

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

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Januszewski discussed his Chief's Report and spoke regarding the following: EMS alarms; EMS billing; current budget FY 22/23; permit fees received and fire marshal office details including upcoming school inspections and elementary schools getting new alarms; carnival and summer camp inspections; lastly; apparatus issues.

Brief discussion was had amongst the commission within the Chief's report regarding alarms at schools/inspections, permit fees and the budget.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Chief Januszewski stated he received a thank you letter from Town of Wallingford they had their 350-year jubilee and they used our department's gator. Chairman Nuzzolillo received an email from a resident asking us to alternate our meeting places (rotating from different volunteer companies) so that other residents in the geographical area could attend. Also suggested that residents could call in through skype during the Board of Fire Commission meeting. Chairman Nuzzolillo stated as a commission we voted to have our meetings at Montowese Co2 and it will stay that way. Also, no other boards or commission meetings have been currently using skype and NHTV swiftly posts the meetings on broadcast. Chairman Nuzzolillo stated they can contact us through email or attend the meeting in person if they have any questions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing from the fire departments standpoint.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Januszewski stated there are some motions that need to be made contractually for firefighter upgrades which will be discussed during executive session. Lastly, he spoke about a new legislative bill Public Act 22-118 Section 75 which recently passed and went into effect July 1, 2022 was discussed regarding highway response reimbursements specific to volunteer departments. Appropriate paperwork will get sent to the State of CT and we shall see what revenue we receive back within the department. As the monies get reimbursed, Chief has been informed that the fire department will receive the revenue and place it back on the fire department budget, specific for purchasing of equipment and apparatus needs.

Brief discussion was had amongst the commission regarding reimbursement of highway responses by volunteers.

GOOD OF FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Januszewski welcomed and introduced Jack Chandler to the commission. He is a student from the University of New Haven getting his bachelor's degree in criminal justice who is currently conducting his internship within the fire department which will transcend as well with the police department. His purpose and projects are to build a survey "community-based" which he will pilot and be the capstone for what he is doing. Jack then discussed what he is implementing and gave a print out of questions to target individuals that have had contact with the department with regard to emergencies, non-emergency and fire inspection situations for the community to fill out through the survey. This survey will be linked on the fire department's website for those to participate. The survey will not go live for at least 30 – 60 days from the date of this meeting.

Brief discussion was had with the commission regarding the survey. Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked him for his help and what a valuable opportunity for better customer service to our residents, business owners and visitors in the Town of North Haven. He hopes it's a good learning experience for Jack and it is definitely a benefit for our department as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

There being no further public business to come before the Board of Fire Commission, Commissioner Gallo made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Mulligan to convene an executive session at 6:30 PM.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Commissioner Gallo made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Mulligan to elevate FF Mack to Grade B, effective September 3, 2022.

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

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Cappucci to elevate FF Santore to Grade B, effective August 1, 2022.

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

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Cappucci to elevate FF Sibilski and FF Chavez to Grade A, effective August 8, 2022.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if there were any further business. None heard.

Chairman Nuzzolillo announced when the next Board of Fire Commission meeting would be held. During executive session the commission decided to have a special meeting “executive session” only to discuss upcoming interview questions on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM and then another special meeting “executive session” only to conduct interviews for Deputy Fire Chief of Operations on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 5:00 PM at Montowese Co 2.

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 Gallo to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM.

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

Reminder: The next regular Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 6:00 PM @ Montowese Co2.