

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MAY 16, 2024

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Fire Commission was held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM @ Montowese Co2, 282 Quinnipiac Ave, North Haven, CT.

Commissioner's Present:

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

Commissioner's Absent:

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 regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission that was held on April 16, 2024.

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 dispatched; current budget FY 23/24 89.8% spent thus far; lastly, staffing shortages discussed.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Chief's report. A brief discussion was had regarding the Chief's report (budget, purchase orders and staffing) with the commissioners.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Chief Januszewski stated that he had nothing. Commissioners had no correspondence either.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Januszewski spoke about old business. Chief Januszewski stated the two (2) new engines are expected to arrive within the month.

Commissioner Caldwell had a few things to discuss with the commission. First, she discussed the ordinance for the tax abatement, currently it is still in the Selectman's hands and the next meeting is Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7pm; Second, she asked if highway blocking by old apparatus is possible during highway incidents; lastly, volunteers were discussed and the operational changes within the department regarding the impact on the volunteers; her thought was maybe the commission should take a vote regarding operational changes that impact the budget not day to day operations.

A lengthy discussion was had amongst the commissioners and Chief Januszewski regarding her discussion and concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Januszewski stated that he had nothing.

GOOD OF FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Januszewski stated he attended the National Fallen Firefighter Ceremony at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD; the new recruit is graduating next week from recruit school; Chief handed out a brief synopsis update from OSHA - they are looking to upgrade the fire brigade standards which have not been upgraded in decades and they are pushing for these changes. They will likely be successful with some changes but not all of them. He stated that there are close to 40 standards listed and the author is NFPA, OSHA is looking to take the NFPA standards and incorporate it into law. He encourages all the commissioners to look over these changes. If OSHA can get all these standards passed, this could be a game changer for all fire departments throughout the country regarding their budgets.

A lengthy discussion was had amongst the commissioners regarding Chief Januszewski's concerns with OSHA upgrades possibly coming. Chairman Nuzzolillo thanked Chief Januszewski for bringing this to the commission's attention.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated the parade is next weekend, Saturday, May 25, 2024. All who wish to march should meet at fire headquarters.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for a motion to move into executive session.

Commissioner Gallo made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Mulligan, to convene an executive session at 6:50 PM.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated that Commissioner Mulligan had two (2) motions to be made.

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Gallo to accept Elliot Barber as a probationary member of West Ridge Co3, effective immediately.

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

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Gallo to accept Hayden Mulhern as a probationary member of Northeast Co4, effective immediately.

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

Commissioner Caldwell made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Gallo to accept the Board of Fire Commission meeting dates for 2025.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated having no further business to come before the Board of Fire Commission, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Gallo made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Mulligan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.

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

Reminder: Please note the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM @ Montowese Co2.