

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2024

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Fire Commission was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM @ Montowese Co2, 282 Quinnipiac Ave, North Haven, CT.

Commissioner's Present:

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

Commissioner's 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 that was held on December 19, 2023.

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

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Caldwell to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commission that was held on January 4, 2024.

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

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Januszewski discussed his Chief's Report and spoke regarding the following: EMS alarms dispatched and overlapping calls throughout the past few weeks; current budget FY 23/24 59% spent thus far; staffing shortages discussed; permit fees received; ALS billing fees received from Finance; Fire Marshal-Inspector's Office report activity discussed; lastly, few things to discuss in executive session. Brief discussion was had among the commissioners regarding the Chief's report. Chief Januszewski then spoke and provided information about savings incurred for staffing shifts with 11 members and keeping a minimum of 10, due to a question brought up by a Board of Finance member during his budget presentation. The savings that were captured are right on target for what was projected.

CORRESPONDENCES:

Chief Januszewski stated he received a couple of thank you notes from residents and a donation thank you note from Ronald McDonald House. Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if any commissioners had received any correspondences. Commissioner Brown received a phone call regarding the Fire Department's new patch. Chief Januszewski explained the meaning behind the design of the new patch.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Januszewski spoke about old business. Chief Januszewski stated the two (2) new engines are expected to be delivered in May 2024 and then the department will be able to relinquish the leased apparatus currently being used; lastly, apparatus repairs are still on-going.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Januszewski stated that he had nothing. Commissioner Caldwell then stated that the Board of Selectman (BOS) at a recent meeting have been discussing an *Ordinance to Provide a Tax Abatement for Real Property Taxes for the surviving Spouses of Police Officers and Firefighters Personnel, who have died while in the Line of Duty (LODD)*. After watching the discussion of the BOS meeting, Commissioner Caldwell had some concerns about the language in the ordinance and the way it was worded. A lengthy discussion was had amongst the commissioners and Chief Januszewski regarding this ordinance.

GOOD OF FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Januszewski discussed the Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2024; lastly, the new recruit started the CT Fire Academy program and graduation will be around May 22, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for any public comments.

Brian Marino Grove Road, Captain of North Haven Fire Department asked for permission to speak and enter into the executive session regarding personnel. Chairman Nuzzolillo stated fine and asked for a motion to enter into executive session.

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Brown, to convene an executive session at 7:00 PM.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 8:01 PM.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated he had a motion to be made and asked Commissioner Mulligan if she would please do the honor.

Commissioner Mulligan made a motion, with a second motion from Commissioner Caldwell, to carry over 11 vacation days from calendar year 2023 for Lt. Chris Shea into calendar year 2024.

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

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if there was any further business to be discussed. None heard.

Chairman Nuzzolillo stated having no more 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 Mulligan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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, March 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM @ Montowese Co2.