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Board of Fire Commissioners



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Board of Fire Commissioners February 11, 2021, 7:30pm

Special Meeting Minutes

This meeting was presented as a Zoom Webinar/Meeting.

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Brian Gallagher. Meeting began with Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.
- II. **Attendance** – Commissioners Brian Gallagher, Kent Stoddard Brian Whalen, Chief Jeffrey Trommer, Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre, Deputy Chief Craig Stegmaier, Deputy Chief Bob Regina, Council Liaison Tim Manke, Council Liaison Chris Miner, Town Clerk James Krupienski.
- III. **Public Participation** – None.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve the 01/14/21 minutes. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion.
- V. **Communications** – Monthly Reports.
Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to accept Communications, Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion.
- VI. **Ledger Status** – Commissioner Whalen stated the ledger status looked good and we should be in good shape for the rest of the year. Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve ledger. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion.
- VII. **Old Business** – The written test for Deputy Chief position was administered on February 6, 2021 by the Connecticut Fire Academy. Scores will be forth coming. The oral board will be held Saturday February 13, 2021 by four Chiefs outside of our Fire Department that are not from the Newington area.
- VIII. **New Business** – Engine four was taken to Turnpike Motors for repairs from accident. All mechanical repairs have been made and it can stay online. It will take two to four months for cosmetic repairs as parts need to be ordered.
- IX. **Public Participation** – None.

- X. **Commissioner Remarks** – Chairman Gallagher thanked everyone for all the well wishes he received while he was sick with Covid. He also thanked all fire staff for staying stand-by during all the recent snow storms. Job well done. Appreciations to Chief Trommer for great communication with the Department and Commissioners with emails. Also thank you to Town Clerk Krupienski for all his hard work setting up our zoom meetings.

Commissioner Stoddard commented on the Town Council Facilities presentation. The Fire Department was told by the evaluators that our buildings are well kept up and the best facilities in town.

Commissioner Whalen and Chief Trommer commented on our task force responding to a large structure fire in Berlin. Assistant Chief Lapierre and Deputy Chief Regina did an outstanding job along with the task force.

Chief Trommer has applied for an AFS grant for radios for \$2 million dollars.

- XI. **Adjournment** – Chairman Gallagher made a motion for adjournment and was seconded by Commissioner Whalen. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sherri Leghorn, Fire Department Secretary