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Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Board of Fire Commissioners

April 8, 2021

Company 2 Firehouse

190 Richard Street

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

Minutes



Brian Whalen
Brian Gallagher
Kent E. Stoddard, Jr.
Fire Commissioners

John O. Regan
Town Clerk

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- I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commission Chairman Gallagher. Meeting began with Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.
- II. **Attendance** – Commissioner’s Brian Gallagher and Brian Whalen, Chief Jeff Trommer, Deputy Chief Bob Regina, Deputy Chief Jack Nesklada, Deputy Chief Stegmaier, Nicholas Carlone, Walter Brideaux, Crystal Trommer, John Montano, Guy Pelletier, Sal Garofalo. Zach Miller, Marek Targonski, Caitlin Cerko, Chief Jim Trommer.
- III. **Public Participation** – Nine
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Chairman Brian Gallagher made a motion to approve the March 11, 2021 minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Whalen.
- V. **Communications** – Monthly Reports
Membership update
New Appointments

Commissioner Whalen went over all of the communications.

- VI. **Ledger Status** – Ledger appears to right on schedule for this time of year.
- VII. **Old Business** - Budget update- Public hearings have begun, Town is happy with the budget presented by us. Good job to the Command Staff for a budget well done.

Chief Evaluations- On going process, Deputy Chief Stegmaier to prepare an evaluation form.

Temporary Fire Marshal Position- No applicants inside or outside. If anyone knows anyone tell them about the opening.

Radio System Update- Moving very slowly. Marcus Communications provided proposal to Command Staff, still a lot to work on. The Town met

with the State on their proposal, Fire Department not included in meeting. Work in Progress. Line item is in budget for the update. Waiting to hear on grants that were applied for.

Chiefs Cars- Waiting on two more Chiefs cars. Should be about two more months. Waiting on the Police Department but we do have two cars allocated to us. Very happy with the ones we have received.

Truck 2 – An unexpected midyear transfer was made by Finance to fund the first half of the Truck. It has to be voted on by the Council but don't expect a problem. Invoice is already on Janet's desk. Second half should be processed in the new budget year July 1st. Once that is done the truck should go to production and take approximately fourteen to fifteen months.

- VIII. **New Business** - July Officer appointment process- In the process. Commissioner Whalen would like to see the same testing process that was used for Chief and Deputy Chief used. It brings complete transparency and is good for the Department.

Headquarter painting- Painting has been completed with a few touchups needed. Came out very well.

- IV. **Public Participation** - John Montano asked if the Company's would still be involved with the Officer appointments. They will be.

Chief Jim Trommer congratulated Jack on his appointment to Deputy Chief.

Deputy Chief Stegmaier reported the Fire Department/Police Department golf tournament is back on for September 21st. Profits will be split 50/50. Also, the Police Department has asked if we would like to do a softball game again.

Chief Trommer complimented all of the Command Staff on a doing a great job in their new roles. Department is moving forward nicely.

- X. **Comissioner Remarks** – Chairman Brian Gallagher told everyone again what a great job everyone was doing in the department. Commissioner Whalen echoed his words also saying the he hears a lot of good comments from Town Staff on how happy they are with the department and keep up the great work.

- XI. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM. Please note Executive Session was not needed therefore it was cancelled.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sherri Leghorn, Fire Department Secretary