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# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

## Board of Fire Commissioners

June 8, 2023



Brian Whalen  
Frank L. DeMaio  
Kent E. Stoddard, Jr.  
Fire Commissioners

### BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Whalen. Meeting began with Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.
- II. **Attendance** – Chairman Brian Whalen, Commissioners Frank DeMaio and Kent Stoddard, Chief Jeff Trommer, Deputy Chief Regina, Council Liaison Mitch Page.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve the May 11, 2023 minutes, Commissioner DeMaio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Public Participation** – None
- V. **Communications**- Commissioner DeMaio went over the monthly reports for May. Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to accept communication and Commissioner DeMaio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **Ledger Status** – Ledger status is in good shape, almost all money has been spent for fiscal year. Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to accept ledger status and Commissioner DeMaio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- VII. **Old Business** –
  - Radio System Update- Chief Trommer, Continues to be on target, questions still remain on Callahan tower.
  - Truck 2 Update – Chief Nesklada, mobile radios are in as of today. New truck will go online tomorrow at 6:00 PM.
  - Grant Update – Chief Trommer, sent all paperwork to TPC and Building Department for sign out front of Company 1. Continue to go through the process with the Town. Company being used is Fast Sign. Waiting to move forward on Drone grant with Walmart/Sams Club.
  - Space Needs – No updates on space needs, hoping to see

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something in the very near future as permanent committee has been formed.

- Tablets and Alpine Software – Chief Regina, MDC’s have been installed on all apparatus. Still hoping for July 1<sup>st</sup> startup date, working out small problems, new version to roll out.
- Autism Fund Raising – Continue to be going well, T-shirts continue to be selling well and we continue to attend special events.
- Awards Night – Went very well, thank you to Rocky Hill, Wethersfield and Berlin for covering town during the event.

VIII. **New Business** -

Motion by Commissioner DeMaio to add new vehicles to new business, seconded by Commissioner Stoddard, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on submitting a letter to the Town Council, Finance Director Janet Murphy and Town Manager to ask for funds from ARPA for two new vehicles as presented previously to Town Council. Short window of time to get ordered. Chief Trommer will draft letter and send out.

IX. **Public Participation** – None

X. **Commissioners Remarks** - Commissioner Stoddard – Nice party for his 50 years of service. Also has been a member of Board of Fire Commissioner for 30 years. Will be retiring July 1<sup>st</sup> from the Fire Department. Will submit letter to Chief to be a retired member.

Commissioner DeMaio – Excellent awards banquet. Truly a big family.

Chairman Whalen – Thank you for a great banquet. Will miss Commissioner Stoddard, thank you for 50 years of dedicated service.

XI. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Stoddard, seconded by Commissioner DeMaio. Meeting adjourned at 7:20. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sherri Leghorn, Fire Department Secretary