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# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

## Board of Fire Commissioners

June 9, 2022



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

### BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL 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, Commissioner’s Frank DeMaio, Kent Stoddard, Chief Jeff Trommer, Deputy Chief Craig Stegmaier, Deputy Chief Robert Regina, Fire Marshal DJ Zordan.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve the May 12, 2022 minutes, Commissioner DeMaio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Communications**- Commissioner DeMaio went over the monthly reports. Fire Marshal Zordan reported there will be a special meeting scheduled for June 13, 2022.
- V. **Ledger Status** - Commissioner Stoddard reviewed the ledger status. Final purchase orders and transfers are ready to be done for the end of the fiscal year. Just about all money has been spent. Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to accept the ledger status, seconded by Commissioner DeMaio. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **Old Business** –
  - Radio System Update- Chief Trommer gave an update. In the final stages, deadline is June 24<sup>th</sup>, waiting to here.
  - Truck 2 Update –Nothing new to report, still on schedule for September completion.
  - Grant Update – Should be hearing on the grants applied for some time this month. Have no update right now. Hoping Equipment will be in next week from Firematic.
  - Update on Formal Requests for Company 3 and 4 Expansion- Nothing new to report. Will take off of old business for now.

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- Fee Schedule for Fire Marshal Department - Fire Marshal DJ Zordan presented a fee schedule for the Fire Marshal's Office and Fire Department. Explained that the Fire Marshal and the Fire Chief will have the right to wave any of the fees as seen fit. Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to send the proposal to the Town Council based on the fee schedule, seconded by Commissioner DeMaio. Motion passed unanimously.

Food truck ordinance was discussed. Would like to be able to issue a citation if the rules are not followed. This would be included with fee schedule that is being presented to the Council.

- Update on Rules and Regulations Revisions- Meeting to review will be scheduled. A special meeting will be scheduled if needed.

## VII. New Business –

- Chief Trommer gave an update on new state legislation that was approved by State Legislator. Payment of \$700 a pole has been approved for any time we respond out to a pole fire call on Route 5/15. At this time details are not known on how it will work. It goes into effect July 1, 2022. We will have to supply something to State Fire Administrator for calls made. More details to follow.

## VIII. Public Participation - Chief Trommer - Memorial Day Parade went very well. The cookout after the parade was great. Our Cadets shined all day, approximately 200 to 300 people attended the cookout.

Public Safety Day went very well. The Department was showcased very well. The extradition with the other Departments went very well. Already talking about next year.

Deputy Chief Regina has been working on the Alpine Software conversion. Tablets have been ordered.

Received the painting that was done for Headquarters from Paul Walsh. The painting came out amazing and is hanging in Headquarters hallway. Please stop in to see the painting. A link will be put on our webpage to order a print for anyone that is interested.

Thank you to all the Chiefs and Members of the Department for all that is done. The Department has been very busy with many different activities and everything has gone great.

Fire Marshal Zordan – Two applicants have applied for summer internship. Interviews will be done.

**IX. Commissioners Remarks –**

Commissioner DeMaio – Public Safety Day was amazing. Was very impressed with Deputy Chief Nesklada and how he was able to work to fix the generator on the Wethersfield Fire Department trailer. The entire Command staff and membership did a fantastic job putting event together and the Cadets were amazing. Impressed with all the classes and certificates that have been received by members in the Department.

Commissioner Stoddard- Echoed Commissioner DeMaio's comments. Had a meeting with the Town Manager who expressed a concern over older Fire Fighters leaving and who will replace them. He assured him we have an amazing Department of young firefighters who will and have already stepped up.

Chairman Whalen – Family is top priority in the Department. Thank you very much for everything everyone does for the Department. There will be no meetings for the months of July and August, everyone have a good summer.

**X. Adjournment –** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Stoddard, seconded by Commissioner DeMaio. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sherri Leghorn, Fire Department Secretary