

MINUTES OF BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
January 25, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.
Fire Department Headquarters

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Robert Massey, Jr., Commissioners Ahern, LaCroix and Fox. Commissioner Clem participated by phone. Commissioner Riccio was absent. Also present was Chief Mahoney and Assistant Chief Brian Kozak.

Motion made by Commissioner Fox to approve the meeting minutes of November 16, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Personnel – Commissioner Massey and Chief Mahoney reported that there are two firefighters out on long term sick/injury leave. The hiring process is currently underway to fill one vacancy.

Finance – Commissioner LaCroix provided information concerning the shortfall to the repairs and maintenance account. The average age of the fleet is 18 years. There is a large amount of work that needs to be outsourced and can't be repaired in house. He stated that we will need a mid-year budget transfer.

Motion made by Commissioner Fox to approve the following mid-year budget transfer:

From:		
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10149040-588802	Contingency	(\$70,000.00)
TO:		
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10142040-544300	Purchased Services Repairs & Maintenance	\$70,000.00

Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Commissioner Massey mentioned that \$67,120 has been received from FEMA to cover the YTD costs for training personnel covered by the recent grand award.

Training – Commissioner Clem stated that there has been lots of training. The department was able to conduct ice rescue training due to the recent cold weather. They completed a confined space refresher training.

Apparatus – Commissioner LaCroix stated that all the inspections are being done now.

EMS – Commissioner Massey reported that the YTD ambulance revenue is at \$1,351,369. There have been 2,979 EMS incidents from July 1 to January 22, 2024 resulting in 2,101 transports. The transport ratio is 71% transport to 14% non transport.

Buildings – Chief Mahoney reported that a camera alert has been added to the main parking lot cameras to increase security.

Pensions and Communications – Commissioner Clem reported that the Pension Committee is hoping to meet in February. Concerned that there may be fewer members to qualify than last year.

Chief’s Report – Chief Mahoney reported that there have been 3,885 calls for service from July 1 to January 22, 2024, averaging 18.8 calls per day. Having additional staffing has been very helpful especially during overlapping calls. All four volunteer companies participated with Parks and Recreation in another successful toy delivery fundraiser. The apparatus is aging. There is new apparatus on order. Apparatus costs have gone through the roof over the last 5 years. There is also delays in delivery times for new apparatus.

Assistant Chief’s report – Assistant Chief Koczak reported that he’s been working a lot with Power BI to build dashboards and graphics to provide more detailed reporting information about a variety of aspects of the department.

Chief Mahoney reported that the awards ceremony will be held on Monday, February 26.

New Business:

Motion made by Commissioner Ahern to approve a request from M.P. Rice Hose Co. 2 to participate in the Greater New Haven St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Ahern to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk