

MINUTES OF BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING  
February 22, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.  
Fire Department Headquarters

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. Present were Chairman Robert Massey, Jr., Commissioners Ahern, LaCroix and Riccio. Commissioner Fox participated by phone. Commissioner Clem was absent. Also present was Chief Mahoney and Assistant Chief Brian Kozak.

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to approve the meeting minutes of January 25, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to enter into executive session at 4:32 p.m. to interview two candidates for the position of full time Firefighter. Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Present in executive session were: Present were Chairman Robert Massey, Jr., Commissioners Ahern, LaCroix and Riccio. Commissioner Fox participated by phone. Also present was Chief Mahoney and Assistant Chief Brian Kozak. Candidates Paulina Smaga and Eric Auscavitch were invited into executive session during their respective interviews.

Return to regular meeting at 5:07 p.m. For the record no votes were taken while in executive session.

Finance – Chief Mahoney presented the FY 2025 budget and reviewed the budget with the commission. He also stated that the Staffing Plan is being presented separately from the FY 2025 budget. Chief Mahoney stressed how important it is to bring on additional staffing. Out of the 7 volunteer companies only 4 currently have members that are responding. The request for additional staffing will not require additional apparatus purchases. Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to approve the budget as presented including the Capital Budget and Staffing Budget as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Training – Chief Mahoney reported that the training is ongoing. The Training Calendar has been streamlined to make it more efficient.

Apparatus – Commissioner LaCroix reported to date 160 work orders have been completed. There have been 12 work orders on Engine 9 fiscal year to date. Currently, there are 21 repairs in progress and 59 work orders pending.

EMS – Chief Mahoney reported that they should reach the revenue target by the end of March.

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Pensions and Communications – Steve DiMassa submitted a request to the Pension Committee.

Commissioner Massey stated that the department's award ceremony will be held on February 26 at Woodwinds.

Chief's Report – Chief Mahoney reported that there have been 4,407 calls for service from July 1 as of yesterday. Last night there was a motor vehicle fire close to the building, it was a quick knock down, some exterior damage to the home.

Assistant Chief's report – Assistant Chief Koczak reported that he has had a second meeting with OSHA. There was a couple of items pointed out by OSHA that they have already taken care of. Working on the AFG's Firefighters assistance grant.

Old Business – none.

New Business:

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to extend a conditional offer of employment for the position of full time Firefighter/Paramedic to Eric Auscavitch. Seconded by Commissioner Massey. Vote unanimous.

For the record the list will be kept open for a year.

Motion made by Commissioner Ahern to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk