

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 22, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
Video/teleconference meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. Present were Chairman Robert Massey, Jr., Commissioners LaCroix, Riccio, Clem, Fox and Ahern. Also present was Acting Assistant Chief Bloomquist.

Motion made by Commissioner Clem to approve the minutes of September 24, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous.

Finance – There are no transfers to report.

Personnel – Commissioner Massey reported that the Chief is talking to the Human Resources Department and the union concerning the splitting of the Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal position moving forward. We are required to have a Fire Marshal and Shaun's retirement leaves that position vacant. Commissioner Massey recommends appointing Chief Mahoney as Acting Fire Marshal.

Motion made by Commissioner Fox to appoint Chief Mahoney as Acting Fire Marshal. Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Clem to appoint Retired Assistant Chief Heffernan as a Deputy Fire Marshal and part-time Paramedic. Seconded by Commissioner Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Training – Commissioner Clem reported that volunteer crew have completed ladder and hydrant training. Robert Dobuzinsky held confined space training. The department ordered additional Hot Stick Voltage Detectors and conducted training to assist with downed wires calls. Assistant Drill Master Cudgma completed part time employee orientation and training for 18 new part time employees. New Volunteer and career crews attended live burn training in New Haven on October 19. Five members attended the state pump operator training held here in town.

Apparatus – Commissioner LaCroix reported that everything is going well. Engine 5 is due for delivery in January. The new Medic 2 has been in service for the last couple of months. The old

Medic 5 will be transferred to the East Shore District Health Department to be used for a mobile clinic.

EMS – Commissioner Fox reported that the ambulance crews continue to be very, very busy.

Buildings – Commissioner Ahern questioned when the stone will be put in at Station 9. Commissioner Massey reported that the stone was not in the budget. Commissioner Massey also reported that we are still waiting on final sign off for Station 9. Due to COVID-19 the state won't conduct a physical inspection so Robert Dobuzinsky created a 360 of the building and submitted that. There have been issues reported from the Stony Creek Association concerning noise and disruption regarding use of the parking lot at Station 5.

Pension & Communications – no report.

Chief's Report – no report.

Assistant Chief's Report – no report

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Motion made by Commissioner Clem to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici
Clerk