

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 24, 2018

Fire Department Headquarters

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Prior to the meeting new firefighters Mitchell Make, Nicholas Amendola and Mackenzie Spooner were sworn in by Commissioner LaCroix. Welcome to the Branford Fire Department.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. Present were Commissioners Carfora, Clem, Fox and LaCroix. Absent were Chairman Massey, Jr. and Commissioner Riccio. Also present was Chief Mahoney.

Motion made by Commissioner Fox to approve the following minutes: February 22 (Special Meeting), March 14 (Special Meeting), and March 20 (Special Meeting). Seconded by Commissioner Carfora. Vote unanimous.

**Finance** – Chief Mahoney provided a report of the current account balances and stated that he has spoken with Finance Director James Finch concerning the need to transfer funds from contingency to cover the shortfalls, primarily the overtime and sick accounts. The Finance Board approved the application for the SAFER Grant. The grant would assist with funding eight (8) new firefighters if approved in late summer.

**Personnel** – Chief Mahoney stated that with the three new hires we are at full staff.

**Training** – Commissioner Clem mentioned the department had the use of the State Fire Safety Trailer for the month of May. The trailer simulates smoke fires. RIT training was also conducted at a house on Church Street next to the Community House.

**Apparatus** – Commissioner LaCroix reported Engine 2 was out for repairs due to an accident but is now back in service. Marine 5 had some pump work and Marine 2 lost the port motor. Both boats are now in service. Engine 3 was sold.

**EMS** – Commissioner Fox reported ambulance revenue for the year is \$1,587,864. This number is up from this time last year. Chief Mahoney stated that we had one cardiac save that was recognized by our sponsor hospital. Chief Mahoney stressed how important it is for the public to learn CPR.

**Buildings** – Commissioner Carfora stated the removal of the old Company 9 building will begin soon. The bid is anticipated to go out in June with the hopes to be weather tight by December. Arrangements have been made to house the equipment with Bruce and Johnsons.

**Pension and Communications** - Commissioner Clem reported that the Pension Committee met in April and approved forty-one volunteer firefighters for Pension credit or the stipend.

**Chief's Report** – The Chief stated during the month of March there were 583 calls for service and in April 475 calls. Captain Harold Barringham was selected as Branford's Firefighter of the year by the Exchange Club. The Board of Finance approved the application for the SAFER

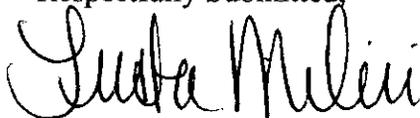
Grant. The grant would assist with funding eight (8) new fire fighters positions, if approved, in late summer. The department will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 10 am to 2 pm. Various demonstrations will be held and in general a chance for the public to see what services the department provides.

**Assistant Chief's Report** – Asst. Chief Heffernan was absent.

**Old Business** – Letters were received from Company #4 and Company #5 for approval to do their yearly fundraising. Commissioner Fox made a motion to approve both of the fundraising requests.. Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fox to adjourn the meeting at 7:53. Seconded by Commissioner Lacroix. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trista Milici". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Trista Milici  
Clerk