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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

June 27, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Fire Headquarters

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m. Present were Chairman Robert Massey, Jr., Commissioners Clem, LaCroix, Riccio and Fox. Also present was Fire Chief Thomas Mahoney.

Fire Chief Mahoney presented and reviewed the budget with the Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Clem to approve the minutes of March 18, 2019 (special meeting). Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Clem to approve the minutes of January 18, 2019 (special meeting). Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Fox to approve the minutes of January 15, 2019 (special meeting). Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Clem to approve the minutes of December 17, 2018 (special meeting). Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Fox to approve the minutes of October 25, 2018. Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

**Finance** – Commissioner Riccio reported that we are over budget in Overtime, Sick Replacement, and Education Incentives due to vacancies. There is also an unbudgeted payout in sick time in the amount of \$24,000. We will be asking for a transfer from contingency to cover the shortfalls in the amount of approximately \$60,000. Chief Mahoney also reported that another account that was had hit is the Professional Development account.

**Personnel** – Commissioner Massey reported that tonight prior to this meeting 11 new officers were sworn in and promoted two. Firefighter Paramedic Tim Kahre will be retiring effective July 1.

**Training** – Commissioner Clem reported 4 of the new recruits completed their Fire Academy course and will be starting shifts next week. One firefighter has completed their paramedic training and is currently doing ride time. One firefighter has just completed EMT training and two volunteers have completed Firefighter 1 training. Volunteers have been training at a 3 family house, recently acquired by the town, located on Church Street. Chief Mahoney stated that we have been able to use the house longer than expected and also extended his appreciation to the neighbors for their patience during the training times. Branford will be hosting Aerial Operating Certification Course in October.

**EMS** – Commissioner Fox reported that the ambulance revenue to date is \$1,906,506.91 (as of 6/13/19).

**Apparatus** – Commissioner LaCroix repairs and maintenance are ongoing. Car 15 has gone out to bid. Chief Mahoney reported that there are no major repairs at this time.

**Buildings** – Commissioner Massey reported that Station 9 the footings have been started. Chief Mahoney reported that the drainage is also being completed. The project is within budget.

**Pension & Communications** – Commissioner Massey reported that a letter was received from Wayne Cooke and forwarded to the Town Attorney. Commissioner Clem reported that she will schedule a meeting with Jim Finch to discuss volunteer pensions. There are members that are doing and just missing the target for reaching the pension requirements.

**Chief's Report** – Chief Mahoney reported that last year they responded to 6,300 calls, this year as of yesterday the total calls have been 5,869. There is a large swing in the daily call volume. The department continues to remain active in the community with events, they participated in the Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness event, the Special Olympics Torch Run, and Memorial Day Parade. As of July 1 we will be going to a 10 person shift. The Rescue 2 vehicle went out to bid. Chief Murray has been working on developing a portal to share information with areas towns.

**Assistant Chief's Report** – no report

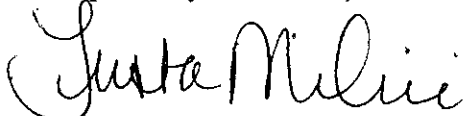
**Old Business** - none

**New Business** - none

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Motion made by Commissioner Clem to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Seconded by  
Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trista Milici". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Trista Milici  
Clerk