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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 27, 2018

Fire Department Headquarters

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BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. Present were Commissioners Massey, Carfora, Clem and Riccio. Absent were Commissioners Fox and LaCroix. Also present was Chief Mahoney and Assistant Chief Heffernan.

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to approve the minutes of May 24, 2018. Vote unanimous. Motion made by Commissioner Clem to approve the minutes of August 10, 2018 (special meeting). Seconded by Commissioner Clem. Vote unanimous. Motion made by Commissioner Clem to approve the minutes of August 27, 2018 (special meeting). Seconded by Commissioner Carfora. Vote unanimous.

Finance – Commissioner Riccio reported that we have been funding replacements of five positions since July 1 through the Overtime and Sick accounts. Chief Mahoney stated that two vacancies are due to retirement, one vacancy is due to resignation and two are long term illnesses. We hope to be a full strength by mid-December. Chairman Massey stated that the town has gone through the process to accept the SAFER grant.

Personnel – Commission Massey reported that Firefighter Cudgma retired after over 25 years of service and Deputy Chief Masci retired after 26 years of service. Two new firefighters are attending the Fire Academy.

Chief Mahoney provided the Commissioner with additional information concerning the requests to approve the MOA's concerning Article 22 and Section 3.A of Article 21.

Motion made by Commissioner Carfora to approve an MOA between the Town of Branford and the Branford Firefighter Local #2533 concerning Article 22 (Wages). Seconded by Commissioner Clem. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Carfora to approve an MOA between the Town of Branford and the Branford Firefighter Local #2533 concerning Section 3.A of Article 21 (General Provisions). Seconded by Commissioner Clem. Vote unanimous.

Training – Commissioner Clem reported that the two new firefighters are at the Academy. Volunteer Company training has been completed. Amanda Mark has been promoted to Assistant Drill Master. Shaun Heffernan and Gary Bloomquist provided training to the Police Officer in the use of Narcan.

Apparatus – Chief Mahoney provided additional information concerning the request for the purchase of the small rescue boats. He reported that ha and Mike Stackpole went to New Jersey to look at the boats. His recommendation is to purchase the two rescue boats and the double trailer.

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to approve the purchase of small rescue boats and the double trailer and authorize the Fire Chief to request a bid waiver from the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Commissioner Carfora. Vote unanimous.

Chief Mahoney provided additional information concerning the request for the ambulance remount.

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to authorize the Chief to go out to bid for the remount of an ambulance. Seconded by Commissioner Carfora. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to authorize the Chief to go out to bid for a demo ambulance. Seconded by Commissioner Carfora. Vote unanimous.

Chief Mahoney reported that the annual apparatus preventative Maintenance is nearing completion. Ladder testing is complete. Pump testing is on-going through October, Hurst hydraulic extrication tool annual service is scheduled for October 1 and 2 and the annual hose testing is scheduled for December 10-14.

EMS – Commissioner Massey reported that the year to date ambulance revenue is approximately \$435,000. There were 1,310 call for EMS service from July 1 to September 26 resulting in 1,016 transports to area hospitals. 78% transport and 22% non-transport.

Buildings – Commissioner Carfora reported that the AC at Station 5 has been replaced, new windows are scheduled and a flammable liquid cabinet was added. The Flood certification and bid package for the new Station 9 are still under review by the DECD. It is expected that March 1 will be the start date for demolition and start of construction. It should be out to bid in the next 30 days.

Pension and Communications – no report

Commissioner Massey read an email from Ryan Torbett, USCG for a request to hold a fundraising car wash at Fire Headquarters. Motion made by Commissioner Clem to refer this to the First Selectman's Office. Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous.

Chief's Report – Chief Mahoney requested the Commission add and item to the agenda regarding the purchase of turn out gear. Chief Mahoney provided additional information concerning the request. Chief Mahoney stated that he would like to purchase 28 new sets of turnout gear from Shipman's Fire Equipment in the amount of \$74,850. This is sole source vendor. Motion made by Commissioner Carfora to add the request for the purchase of turn out gear to the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous. Motion made by Commissioner Carfora to approve the purchase of the turnout gear in the amount of \$74,850 and

send this to the Board of Selectmen for a bid waiver. Seconded by Commissioner Clem. Vote unanimous.

Assistant Chief's Report – Asst. Chief Heffernan reported that he's been spending a lot of time at the Walsh Intermediate School for the renovation project. He is currently working with the State Attorney on numerous cases of fire code violations. He's been working with the Branford Task Force on numerous situations of unsafe living conditions/hoarding. They are working on investigations of two fires and a blasting complaint from last week. Assistant Drill Master Mark has completed the classroom portion of the orientation for 11 new Medic 3 employees and we are working on getting them signed off. We will be hiring additional member in the near future. A new fire code will be released on Monday so there is a fair amount of training associated with that. He spent four days in the Annual Car Fire Investigation course at the Fire Academy and two days at the Connecticut Fire Safety Code update class. He will also be attending more classes. He is waiting on updates on the Snake Hill project and the Harbor Street bridge project should be completed in November.

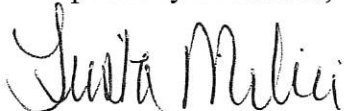
He provided information concerning the need to replace the motors and associated equipment on Marine 2. Motion made by Commissioner Clem to add the request for the installation of new motors and associated equipment to Marine 2. Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Clem to authorize the Chief to go out bid for the installation of motors and associated equipment to Marine 2. Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous.

New Business – Commissioner Massey stated that local 2533 has a mailer circulating.

Motion was made by Commissioner Clem to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.. Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Trista Milici
Clerk