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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 28, 2017 – unapproved

Fire Department Headquarters

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BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Massey, Riccio, Clem and LaCroix. Absent were Commissioners Fox and Carfora. Also present were Fire Chief Mahoney and Assistant Chief Heffernan.

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix to enter into executive session at 7:01 p.m. to conduct interviews for the position of Fire Captain.

Present during executive session were: Commissioners Massey, Riccio, Clem and LaCroix. Absent were Commissioners Fox and Carfora. Also present were Fire Chief Mahoney and Assistant Chief Heffernan. The following candidates were invited into executive session during their individual interview: Randall Chittenden, Rick Hart and Craig O'Rouke.

For the record no votes were taken while in executive session.

Return to regular meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to approve the minutes from July 27, 2017 (Special Meeting).
Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Clem to approve the minutes from July 27, 2017 (Regular Meeting).
Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to approve the minutes from June 19, 2017 (Special Meeting).
Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to approve the minutes from May 25, 2017 (Regular Meeting).
Seconded by Commissioner Clem. Vote unanimous.

Finance – Commissioner Riccio reported that all of the transfers to close out the 2017 budget year were approved.

Personnel – Commissioner Massey reported that Captain Robert Paradis and Firefighter Lowell Collingwood's retirement party is scheduled for October 1. Firefighter Tyler Mahoney is at the Fire Academy and is scheduled to graduate December 8, 2017. Firefighter Tyler Olt is beginning his ride time. The Board conducted interviews at the beginning of the meeting of three very qualified candidates for the position of Fire Captain.

Motion made by Commissioner Clem to make a conditional offer of employment for the position of Fire Captain to Randall Chittenden. Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Training – no report

Apparatus – Commissioner LaCroix reported that the new ambulance is expected to be delivered in the second week of October. The new FLIR was installed in Marine 5. The new Chevy Tahoe's came in wrong and had to be reordered. They should be available in about eight weeks.

EMS – Chief Mahoney reported that the part time crews are working as planned. The department has applied to the State Office of Emergency Medical Services for a fifth ambulance license. Year to date ambulance revenue is \$425,978.

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to add the hiring of part time medics to the agenda under new business. Seconded by Commissioner Clem. Vote unanimous.

Buildings – no report

Pension & Communications – no report.

Chief's Report – Chief Mahoney reported that the department handled 497 calls for service during the month of August and 419 during the month of September to date. The new Fire Inspector Robert Dubuzinsky began his new assignment and is doing well. The FY 2017 Annual Report was filed. He has been talking with the First Selectman and the Board of Finance concerning the proposal to purchase small boats and exploring possible funding options.

Assistant Chief's Report – Assistant Chief Heffernan reported that we received a new marine grant in the amount of \$88,000 to repower and for a portion of the annual maintenance cost of Marine 2. He has also been appointed by Senator Kennedy to serve on the Mobil Integrated Healthcare Work group. The first meeting will be held next week. Commission Massey stated that the Assistant Chief's contract has been approved and now has to go to the Board of Finance.

Old Business - none

New Business

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to approve a request from Fire Chief Tom Mahoney to allow the Chief's office to hire part time medics as needed. Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix to approve a request from Fire Chief Tom Mahoney to approve the purchase of two small rescue/special response boats pending the approval of funding. Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Riccio to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Massey. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trista Milici".

Trista Milici
Clerk