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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 17, 2016 – unapproved
Fire Headquarters - 7:00 p.m.

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BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Present were Commissioners Massey, Carfora, LaCroix, Riccio; Fox and Clem. Also present was Fire Chief Mahoney and Assistant Chief Shaun Heffernan.

Motion made by Commissioner Fox to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Vote unanimous.

Finance – Commissioner Riccio reported that the Extra work/Overtime account is over. Primarily due to the firefighter vacancy and repairs and maintenance work be conducted in house. Chief Mahoney stated that transfer requests will be on the agenda for the December meeting.

Personnel – Commissioner Massey reported that two firefighters have returned to duty. A special meeting will need to be held in January to conduct firefighter interviews.

Training – Commissioner Clem reported that cold water rescue training will be held next month at the Supply Ponds. Hazmat material technician refresher was held in Guilford. Still training on rope rescue. Driver training is always ongoing.

Apparatus – Commissioner LaCroix reported that the new Deputy Chief's Tahoe is scheduled to go out to be outfitted. All third party DOT inspections have been completed as well as NFPA required annual pump tests.

EMS – Commissioner Fox reported that revenue is up 10% so far this year.

Buildings – Commissioner Carfora reported that the Board of Selectmen officially accepted the STEAP grant for Station 9. Town Engineer Janice Plaziak is working on the RFP/RFQ to hire an architect for the project.

Pensions & Communications – Commissioner Clem stated that she is meeting with the Board of Selectmen next month to discuss proposed changes to the Pension plan.

Chief's Report – Chief Mahoney reported that there were 334 calls for service during the last 3 weeks. Notable during this period was the increase in brush fires due to drought conditions. The department proudly participated in the Veteran's Day Parade and ceremony. Company 5 participated in a 2nd annual Boogie with Brenna "Touch a Truck" event on November 5. Annual

hose testing was completed and the hoses assigned to the boats failed. They will be replaced with money from the Port Security Grant.

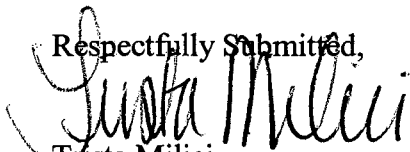
Assistant Chief's Report – Assistant Chief Heffernan reported that we are in the process of beginning the 2016 Marine Grant. He has had some preliminary meeting with representative from the Board of Education and the design teams regarding the Walsh Intermediate School. He will be meeting with them on a regular basis as the project moves forward. The Branford Recreation Department/Senior Center project is expected to begin in the late spring/early summer. Notice has been received from Holiday Retirement (Cedar Woods) concerning changes to their emergency notification and Community managers are no longer residing at the facility. This is a 90 unit facility and the Department has concerns with these changes and concerns for the population that lives there. They need to go back to Planning and Zoning to request a modification (as part of their original approval they were required to have 24/7 on-site staff). A significant amount of time has been spent reviewing the new 2016 Connecticut State Fire Code.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Motion made by Commissioner Clem to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Trista Milici
Clerk