



STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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Minutes -Regular Meeting of the Stamford Fire Commission held March 9, 2016

Call to order: 5:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence: Chairman Melzer asked that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in gratitude to all Uniformed personnel who have served and who serve our Nation and our Communities, and in remembrance for those who have lost their lives in said service.

Attendees: Commissioners Melzer, Lyons, Holmes Hubbard & Lodato; Chief Roach, AC Robles, AC Morris, Mr. Jankowski, Director of PSH&W;

Public Comment: N/A

Chief Report:

- Incidents: 804 Incidents -34 Fires, of which 4 were Structure fires;
- The new CAD system is live. There are little issues along the way and we are working out the kinks. This is a major change for the City.
- Budget: 2016-2017 Budget is finalized & the meeting with the Board of Finance is March 15th. This current fiscal year is expected to be in the black
- Apparatus: Engine 6 annual service complete and back in service. T5- alternator issue, back in service; Rescue 1 motor problem, fixed in house which save money. Engine 9 had a cab mount issue
- Personnel:
 - An exam company was selected, Morris & McDaniel; Contact is going out this month to vendor. Hopefully will be announcing the promotional exams for Fire Captain & Fire Lieutenant prior to the end of fiscal year
 - One issue with sick leave, individual may be sent for an IME.
 - Training: Probationary firefighters have completed their round of rotation. The Chief explained that this is so that the firefighters get familiar of all aspects of the stations. The Annual EMT is ongoing with about 1/3 of department. There is one issue with a probationary firefighter but the department is working hard with the individual to pass.
 - Metro North orientation has completed with the department
 - Several sites throughout the city have been acquired for skills practice. Search, forcible entry, ventilation scenarios are being worked out.
 - Regional school Firefighter 1 starts in April
- AC Robles gave a presentation of the budget at the end of the Chief's report.

Consolidation update: Chairman Melzer inquired as to the Long Ridge equipment issues mentioned at last meeting. AC Morris stated that was number 1 on his report and gave the following update on all Volunteer departments:

- Long Ridge rig, E71, was repaired and passed its DOT & Pump test. In the interim, LR was borrowing an Engine from New Canaan Fire, Chief Morris was very thankful to the New Canaan

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Fire Chief Jack Hennessy. E73, City owned apparatus was in service but does not necessarily work in the area. All are in service including the Rescue.

- Continuing on Long Ridge, Chief Morris announced that LR is meeting on Monday and they are close to agreement of putting a Stamford engine in the station and prefaced that this would be a big help to transition and big help to North Stamford. The slate of Officers were voted in and all stayed the same.
- Training for FF 1 through regional school and good attendance of volunteer. He states recruiting continues and good news they are putting in 10 new individuals in the FF 1. Long Ridge has individuals attending as well.
- Belltown E4, primary engine, is on the CAD system and may act as a City wide resource; the Ladder truck was rebuilt and will be back hopefully next week and may be used as a City wide resource; and the station renovation was complete
- They are trying to get the CAD system out to the other stations.

End of Report

Chairman Melzer stated there is a lot of new construction in Stamford, by the Fish Church, on Hope Street, etc., and asked Chief Roach if the department is equipped to handle fires at those types of units and if any additional training is necessary. Chief Roach stated that during construction they pose a tremendous challenge for any department, regardless of its size. Once completed and equipped with sheet rock and the sprinklers are in place the department is equipped to handle. Chairman Melzer asked if they will be equipped with standpipes. The Chief responded that they will be equipped with standpipes and the plans for new construction are reviewed/approved by the Fire Departments Fire Marshal office prior to construction building. Discussion took place.

Minutes: N/A

Adjournment: By motion duly made the Commission moved to adjourn at 5:48pm