



STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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Draft Minutes -Regular Meeting of the Fire Commission held Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Call to order: Chairman Melzer called the meeting to order at 4:59pm.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioner's Melzer, Lyons, Holmes, Lodato; Fire Chief Brown; Absent: Commissioner Perry, Asst. Chief Roach; Public: Paul Newman

Public Comment: See below.

Chief's Report:

- Chief Brown gave a briefing on incidents that occurred. There were a total of 830 incidents which included 41 fires. Two of the Structure Fire incidents occurred at Westover Road and Southfield Ave.
- Fleet status: Chief Brown stated that all front line apparatus are in service with the exception of Engine 4 which is being worked on and Engine 62.
- Personnel: there are currently 10 vacancies. The Assistant Chief of Volunteer services position is in the process of hiring. Three names were submitted from the Volunteer Chief's and Chief Brown selected one individual and the name has been submitted to Human Resources and is going through the process.
- Budget: the overtime is expected to have a short fall however with the number of vacancies and the money due back to the department under the SAFER grant the salary account is to have an expected overage which will be used to offset the overtime account. The overall budget is expected to be on tract or close to neutral.
- Training: Chief Brown stated that personnel are being trained on the new apparatus.

Commissioner Melzer brought to the attention of the Commission and Chief Brown a letter received from Deputy Chief Conroy regarding the annual EMS Certification program and commending Captain Romaniello and his instructors on the outstanding job they have done. The program entails 2304 hours of instruction.

Public Comment: Chairman Melzer called on Paul Newman for public comment. Mr. Newman came to the meeting after the Public Comment item was address. This item is taken out of order. Mr. Newman stated that he would like to express the stand of the Union as to how firefighters are hired related to the Safer Grant and the Volunteer department. It is the position of the Union that the Fire Commission is the appointing authority for Firefighter positions and that the hiring of personnel should follow the CBA. Discussion took place. Chief Brown stated the all concur that the appointing authority is the Fire Commission and conform to the Charter and the bargaining agreement. Discussion took place.

Commissioner Lodato asked if the SAFER grant awarded to Turn of River a "done deal"? Chief Brown stated that it is close. Further discussion took place. Chief Bronw noted that the eight individuals being hired for Turn of River shall be from a listing comprised of all qualified volunteer firefighters throughout Stamford volunteer departments. Discussion continued.

New Business: Chief Brown stated that most of the new business was covered in the discussion that just took place under public comment. Commissioner Lyons asked if the hiring will include the 16 individuals for the Stamford Fire Department. Discussion took place as to the management agreement with Turn of River.

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Discussion took place as to the eligibilty listing for hiring and it was stated that there would be two listings one for the volunteer hiring and one for the hiring of career firefitghters.

Minutes: By motions duly made the minutes of the March 11, 2014 were approved unaimously, as amended.

Adjournment: By motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.