



STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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Minutes -Regular Meeting of the Stamford Fire Commission held May 15, 2018

Call to order: 5:11pm

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, Holmes, Hubbard & Lodato; Director Kathryn Emmett, City of Stamford Counsel, Chief Roach, AC Robles, AC Morris; TOR AC Maounis; Mark Kovack, TOR Counsel.

Public Comment: N/A

Chairman Melzer asked for a motion to suspend the Agenda and to move directly to Item 8, Update on Consolidation.

Motion: By motion duly made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard and approved by all, the Commission moved to suspend the Agenda and to move directly to Item 8, Update on Consolidation.

Update on consolidation:

Chairman Melzer turned the floor to Director Emmett. Director Emmett stated that the info provided for the mediation was for reporting under the City FDID as compared to TOR FDID issue and at 4:30pm received an email with a five page letter and has not had the opportunity to look at it they are not prepared to mediate on it or the issues and would request to continue this to allow an opportunity to look at the issues and prepare to respond. Discussion took place. It was decided to table until TOR and the City meet and attempt to resolve the issues and if needed, as outlined in the "Agreement" to come to the Commission with the issues. The Commission asks that should it be necessary to come to the Commission that the positions of both parties be outlined for the Commission review prior to the actual meeting so that the Commission had time to be prepared for the meeting.

Motion: By motion duly made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard and approved by all, the Commission moved to resume the Agenda.

Chiefs Report: There were 965 incidents; 35 fire incidents of which 3 were Structure fires; 529 EMS incidents. The Budget is final and the department lost its request for two additional Deputy Fire Marshals. The Board of Representatives cut 1.42 million and that is being distributed City-wide, hopefully resulting in no more than \$200,000 for Fire. This year end will result in 150,000 in the red as a result in overtime and this has been presented to the Board of Finance. There is an expected retirement of three positions and possibly a fourth. The Firefighter exam is funded and hopefully will be held in September. The status of apparatus was discussed. The department has completed 97% of the departmental physicals and this is the first year for the total implementation of NFPA 1582 physicals. Discussion took place. It was discussed that the physicals for the Volunteer department are not NFPA 1582 but OSHA mandated. Glenbrook and Long Ridge department's physicals are completed and Belltown physicals are in process.

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AC Morris stated that there is a Rural Water Supply drill ongoing; the mandate for Officer training is halfway through course. This is related to the mandates as a result of Directive put in place by Commission. There is a Firefighter 1 course going on as well.

Discussion took place as to: Recruitment; how one becomes a Volunteer; and how process of becoming a Volunteer differs than that of how to become a Career Firefighter.

Personnel Issues: Commissioner Holmes asked for an update on disciplinary items. Chairman Melzer asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of updates on disciplinary items.

Motion: By motion duly made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Lodato and approved by all, the Commission moved to go into Executive Session at 6:05 pm.

Motion: By motion duly made the Commission moved to come out of Executive Session at 6:25 pm.

Adjournment: By motion duly made the Commission moved to adjourn at 6:25 pm.