



STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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

Call to order: Chairman Melzer called the meeting to order at 4:05

Roll Call: Present: Commissioner's Melzer, Lyons, Lodato, Hubbard & Holmes. Additional attendees: Fire Chief Brown, AC Roach; Public: David Davis, Paul Newman

Public Comment: N/A

Chief's Report:

- Chief Brown gave a briefing on incidents that occurred. There were 5 Structure fires- Randall St; Magee Av; Leeds St; Pershing Av; Alden Rd
- Fleet status: New Engine arriving in next three weeks. All front line apparatus are in service with the exception of Engine 4 with a starting problem. Discussion took place.
- Personnel:
 - Vacancy exists - Assistant Chief Volunteer Services.
 - New Firefighters-all background checks complete; pre-employment exams complete except for one; Hire date is August 11, 2014; Cpat is an 8 week program that is a requirement for 8 of the candidates, starting in June, ending in August. All new candidates will attend the academy which will be held in Stamford at the Training facility on Magee Av.
- Budget: The Fy 13-14 ending in the black; the new Fy 14-15 has begun.
- Training: Hose stretches; Instructor program for acting & sworn officers; Fire boat training; scuba training. The department is about to launch a computer based pre-planning program to aide in the awareness of a structure prior to entering.

Fire Unification Plan: Chief Brown stated that progress. Lawsuit was settled. Working out implementation and logistics some of which is the hiring of the candidates and the moving of existing personnel from Vine Rd & Long Ridge Rd stations.

New Business: N/A

Personnel Issues:

Interviews & appointment for the Position of Fire Captain & Fire Lieutenant:

At the onset of each interview the Commission asked each candidate if they wished the interview to be open or closed. If the candidate requests a closed interview, the Commission moved to go into executive session, at the end of each interview the Commission moved to come out of Executive session. If the candidate elected an open interview, the interview was held in the open and not in executive session.

The chart below reflects how each Fire Captain candidate wished their respective interview to be:

Fire Captain Interviews Candidate (Alphabetical)	Executive Session (Yes or No)
Brian Ohleth	No
Andrew Perry	Yes
Stuart Rieve	No
James Mastro	No

Motion: By motion duly made the Commission moved to go into executive session for the purpose of interview of Firefighter Candidates.

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No action was taken in executive session.

Motion: Chairman Melzer asked for a motion to appoint candidate for the position of Fire Captain. Commissioner Lyons moved to appoint Stuart Rieve to the position of Fire Captain, seconded by Commissioner Holmes and approved by all.

The chart below reflects how each Fire Lieutenant candidate wished their respective interview to be:

Fire Lieutenant Interviews Candidate (Alphabetical)	Executive Session (Yes or No)
Kevin Dingle	No
Angelo Ripegno (via phone)	Yes
Todd Brennan	No
Carl Alton	Yes
Joseph Maida	No

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Minutes: N/A

Adjournment: By motion duly made the meeting was adjourned.