



STAMFORD FIRE COMMISSION

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Draft Minutes -Regular Meeting of the Fire Commission held Tuesday, August 13, 2013

Roll Call: Chairman Freccia called the meeting to order at 5:32pm. Those in attendance were: Commissioners Freccia, Melzer, and Mirkin; Chief Conte; Dir. Jankowski. Absent: Commissioners Perry and Tungaturthy

Public Comment: None

Fire Commission Committees: None

Fire Commission: Election of Chair & Vice Chair

Motion: Commissioner Melzer moved to nominate Vincent Freccia as Chairman; motion was seconded by Commissioner Mirkin and approved by unanimous vote.

Motion: Commissioner Mirkin moved to nominate Frank Melzer as Vice Chairman; motion was seconded by Commissioner Freccia and approved by unanimous vote.

Chief's Report:

- Personnel:
 - Chief Conte discussed the return of the Fire Lieutenant who was on an unpaid personal leave of absence. The Lieutenant has returned. The return will not affect the recent appointment of Provisional Fire Lieutenant as there is a Lieutenant out on extended sick leave and the funds are available.
 - The transition of the Fire Marshal is going well.
 - Commissioner Freccia asked how many firefighter vacancies there were. The Chief will get this number. Discussion took place as to the current eligible list, its age, if a new test would be given and if a new class would be started based off the current list. Commissioner Freccia asked Director Jankowski to check with Human Resources on these matters.
- Apparatus: The apparatus is in horrendous shape, engines and trucks alike.
 - The department is in the process of purchasing three new pumpers by KME. One piece of apparatus should be online by mid-October 2013 and two are in the parts ordering stage.
 - The rescue was out of service today due to a mechanical issue and there wasn't a replacement available should there have been an incident. Discussion took place as to the validity of using Turn of River's rescue. Chief Conte expressed concerns about using Turn of Rivers rescue as it would potentially leave that district vulnerable should a rescue incident occur.
 - Commissioner Freccia inquired as to what is the policy related to City of Stamford Fire Apparatus as to how ownership is determined. Is there an agreement pertaining to the use of City owned apparatus? Discussion took place.
 - Commissioner Freccia asked that Chief Conte send a memo to Mr. Capalbo requesting an interpretation as to utilizing City owned apparatus, including questions as to distinction between house to house and is its exclusivity. Discussion continued.
 - The Rescue apparatus discussed at the previous Commission meeting was repaired for \$40,000, by Gowans Knight.
 - Commissioner Mirkin asked if the request by Angela Carella regarding response times by Turn of River Fire department was completed. Chief Conte stated he would get the numbers.

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- Grants: Chief Conte stated that the department is on the short list of a grant from UBS. The potential grant would be substantial in an approximate value of \$600,000 to \$750,000.
- Budget: Chief Conte discussed a \$108,000 request by Belltown Fire Department for gear, hose & scba. Chief Conte stated he had a conversation with the Mayor regarding how cooperation is needed in producing a listing of potential Assistant Volunteer Fire Chief candidates and that the request for funds would be held in abeyance until list was submitted. The Human Resources department is crafting a letter to Volunteer departments. Discussion took place.
- Training-Belltown Fire Department discussed the desire to run rescues; they have been training on extrication; when fully trained Belltown may potentially cover Belltown, Springdale and Glenbrook areas.

Personnel Issues:

Motion: Commissioner Freccia moved to go into executive session at 6:15pm to discuss personnel related issues, seconded by Commissioner Melzer and approved by unanimous vote.

Motion: Commissioner Freccia moved to come out of executive session at 6:32 pm, seconded by Commissioner Mirkin and approved by unanimous vote.

No action was taken in executive session

New Business: Commissioner Mirkin stated that he receives questions from citizens who inquire about how the logistics are decided for emergency calls. Chief Conte invited Commissioner Mirkin to the Communications center where he may view the Fire dispatch.

Minutes: No Action taken.

Adjournment: By motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm