

# City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown

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## REGULAR MEETING CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE COMMISSIONERS ALLINGTOWN

Board of Fire Commissioners  
March 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall  
Conference Room, 3rd Floor  
355 Main Street, West Haven, CT

## AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of February 4, 2020 meeting minutes.
4. Public Session
5. Finance  
Invoices
6. Communications
7. Report of Chief
8. Report of Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal
9. Old Business  
Parkview Commons Project  
Headquarters Issues  
Awards Ceremony
10. New Business \_\_\_\_\_ X  
Discussion concerning Tri-District Commission

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## 11. Executive Session.

Vacation and Sick Time  
Personnel Issues

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## CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT ALLINGTOWN

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A Meeting of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT.

Present were Commissioners Iris Diaz, Cori Nunley, John Panza, Frederick Brown and Kevin Corcorin. Also present was Deputy Chief Esposito.

Commissioner Diaz called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Business Manager Brooks called the roll and declared a quorum. Absent were Commissioners Lathrop and Palumbo.

3. Approval of February 4, 2020 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the February 4, 2020 meeting minutes with the correction of the spelling of Tony Capuano's name, seconded by Commissioner Nunley and approved unanimously.

4. Public Session

Robbin Hamilton of 92 Bedford Street, West Haven, CT asked about the Chief's position. Commissioner Diaz replied that there has been some talk of it. When we have more information about this issue we can bring it to the commission.

Margaret Krzeminski of 1 Robart Street, West Haven, CT made a comment about the hiring of the Chief. Is there enough money to hire a Chief? Commissioner Diaz replied that there is. It has been checked with the finance director. Margaret stated that you know there needs to be work done to both stations. Margaret added that you know this year is the last truck payment for the Quint. Commissioner Diaz responded that we are in the process of addressing some of the repairs to the Headquarters station. We are not going to do more work than what actually needs to be done. I will keep you updated on this as we get any further information. Margaret asked about the Pershing LLC bill. She stated that it's not the City's pension portion, it's the Allingtown's share. The money comes from the taxpayers of Allingtown. Business Manager Brooks replied that we are part of the City now and that's why it's written that way, but I can change it to reflect Allingtown. Margaret asked about the budget. Commissioner Diaz explained that we did meet and the budget has been submitted to the city. Margaret went on to talk about the corona virus. She wanted to know if the department had a plan in place. Chief Esposito responded that there have been weekly meetings on this issue. We get updates from the Health Director from Yale New Haven Hospital and the EOC. We have masks, gowns and everything that we need.

5. Finance: Reviewed and accepted the list of processed invoices for February.

6. Communications: Business Manager Brooks replied that we received a thank you note from the Family of John Carew for the floral basket.

7. Report of the Chief: Acting Chief Esposito gave verbal and written reports for February which will be kept on file.

- 8. Report of Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal: Deputy Chief Esposito gave verbal and written reports for February. Written reports will be kept on file.
- 9. Old Business: Parkview Commons Project-Acting Chief Esposito explained that they proceeding along as scheduled. They are putting sheet rock inside and siding outside.

Headquarters Issues- Commissioner Diaz said as we discussed earlier we are working on it and I hope to get more answers. When we do, we will inform you.

Awards Ceremony –Commissioner Diaz explained that she had spoke on this before. She did not think it was a good idea to have a big ceremony when a person had perished in a fire. She does feel that by putting an accommodation letter in firefighter’s files to recognize their hard work would be acceptable. She would also like to send some food to each shift as a thank you for all that they do. Commissioner Panza stated that he would still like to have a nice awards ceremony where the firefighter’s families could come. Give them accommodations and maybe have cake and coffee. He stated that this did not just come about after the Tetlow Street incident; it was discussed over a year ago. Commissioner Brown explained that he attended the awards ceremony that was done for all three fire districts and we could check and see if they are going to have another one in the near future. He did agree with Commissioner Diaz’s recommendation as well. Commissioner Corcoran agreed to at the very least give the men letters of accommodation. He thought the idea of sending them some food was good as well but it would be nice to see if there was going to be another city wide ceremony. Commissioner Nunley agreed with Commissioner Diaz’s suggestion for now.

- 10. New Business: Commissioner Panza asked Commissioner Diaz as a chairman what is the game plan with the Minor Park fire house. Commissioner Diaz replied well right now they are working on the grant. I believe it goes to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Then if we do get awarded funds we will talk as a group, as a team more about that. Acting Chief Esposito stated let me be clear about the grants. There are two totally different grants. One is local the CDA grant. The other is federal which we are trying to get some funds for a truck and new SCBA paks. The federal decision will be available from what I understand July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion concerning Tri District Commission. Commissioner Diaz asked that the two documents that have been put together will be forwarded to the commissioners for them to review. We can discuss this at next month’s meeting.

A motion was presented to close Regular Session at 7:42 p.m. and go into Executive Session by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Nunley and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to close Executive Session and return into Regular Session at 8:21 pm. by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to adjourn by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

All minutes are subject to the final approval of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown Commissioners.

Minutes recorded by Business Manager Brooks

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