

CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT ALLINGTOWN
June 1, 2021
Minutes

A Meeting of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown was held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Present were Commissioners Iris Diaz, Cori Nunley, Troy Tappin, Paul Sikorski, Frederick Brown and Kevin Corcoran. Also present was Chief Terenzio, Acting Chief Esposito.

Commissioner Diaz called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Business Manager Brooks called the roll and declared a quorum.

3. Approval of May 4, 2021 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to accept the minutes from May 4, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Sikorski and approved unanimously.

4. Public Session NONE

Commissioner Diaz stated that if we have to continue holding our meetings practicing social distancing then we would accept any comments or questions from the public. They can email them to us and they can also call the office during business hours with any concerns.

Councilwoman Robbin Hamilton spoke about the attendance from the department at the services in New Haven for fallen Firefighter Ricardo Torres. She stated that she had watched the service on television and the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown was shown quite a few times during the broadcast and she felt so proud of our department for their support. Chief Terenzio explained that our department provided both operational and tributary support to the men and women of the New Haven Fire Department. Not only did Deputy Chief Esposito and myself attend the funeral but we accompanied by Commissioners Diaz, Nunley and Brown and a few other firefighters that were off duty. He stated that we had firefighters that stepped up and went to cover one of their stations along with other fire departments doing as well. This allowed the entire New Haven department to attend the wake and the funeral of their fallen brother. I was extremely gratified. Councilwoman Hamilton reiterated that she was just so proud and thankful for all their efforts during this time. Councilwoman Hamilton also said that she was very proud of the department participation in the Memorial Day Parade. This made me feel so proud to be a part of this community. Commissioner Diaz thanked Councilwoman Hamilton for her kind words.

5. Finance: Reviewed and accepted the list of processed invoices for May. Business Manager Brooks explained that she had forwarded the commissioners a copy of the approved budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, for future references when needed. She explained that there had been a couple of lines added to the budget. They are the Unfunded Pension Liability (\$350,000) and the Advance Funding OPEB Trust of (\$50,000). If you have any questions about the budget feel free to contact me.

6. Communications: Commissioner None

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7. Report of the Chief: Chief Terenzio gave verbal and written report for May which will be kept on file.

8. Report of Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal: Deputy Chief Esposito gave verbal and written reports for May. Written reports will be kept on file.
9. Old Business: Headquarters Issues- Chief Terenzio stated that after the scaffolding was put in place, it was discovered that there is another high tension wire that needs to be wrapped. We will have UI come back and take care of the wire and then the job can move forward.

Firehouse Study-Deputy Chief Esposito explained that they met with UNH. At this time we are waiting to hear back from UNH if they are going to participate in this project or not. However, if they choose not to participate we have to continue on our own. The building can be smaller if it's just for the fire department, which in turn we may not need as much land. All this will change the price of the project as well. When we get these things worked out, we will need to approach the city and the state for some financial help. I want to see this move forward. There has been a lot of work put into it up to this point.

SAFER Grant (Safer for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response) – Chief Terenzio stated that there is a meeting online on Thursday, May 3rd with FEMA for some updates. I will keep the board informed as to what we find out at this meeting.

Testing-Deputy Chief Esposito explained the Captains test will cost anywhere from \$1,900 to \$3,600 depending on how many applicants there are. As I mentioned last month they need about 90 days to study for the test. The test will probably be done in about October. Commissioner Diaz replied to just keep us informed as to where you are at with this.

The entry level list will expire in the middle of July. We have to make a decision if you want to extend this list or run a test to create a new list. Chief Terenzio added that he wants to look into diversity and inclusion before we make a decision on the entry level test.

10. New Business: None

A motion was made to close regular session at 7:06 pm and go into executive session by Commissioner Tappin, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to close executive session at 7:21 pm and resume regular session by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Diaz and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to adjourn by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Tappin and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 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