

# City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown

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Regular Meeting  
CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE COMMISSIONERS ALLINGTOWN  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
June 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall  
355 Main Street, West Haven, CT

## AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of May 1, 2018 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  
Budget FY 2019  
Minor Park repairs due to flooding  
Headquarters Roof  
Chief's Position
10. New Business  
Headquarters – Exterior repair

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11. Executive Session.  
    Vacation and Sick Time  
    Personnel Issues

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June 5, 2018  
Minutes

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A Meeting of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT.

Present were Commissioners Andrea Palumbo, Robert Lathrop, Aaron Haley, Robert Pimer and Frederick Brown. Also present was Deputy Chief Esposito. Commissioner Panza came in a little late.

Commissioner Lathrop called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Commissioner Lathrop called the roll and declared a quorum. Commissioner Diaz was absent. Commissioner Pimer would set in for Commissioner Diaz.

Approval of May 1, 2018 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Palumbo made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 1, 2018 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lathrop and approved unanimously.

Approval of April April 3, 2018 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Palumbo made a motion to table the April 3, 2018 minutes until next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lathrop and approved unanimously.

3. Public Session

Anthony Krzeminski of 1 Robart Street, West Haven, CT asked what the car tax mill rate is for the city and what is it for the fire district. How much money accrued from the boot program? Have we received any money from back taxes? How is the process going for the job of a new Chief? Is there a leak in the repaired roof at the firehouse on Fairfax Street and was it repaired? There was a firefighter who wanted to know if he would get reimbursed for his ruined pillow? Are you also recording the meeting; is someone besides the Deputy Chief recording. Under Executive Session on the agenda you have personnel issues. I'd like to know what those personnel issues are.

Commissioner Panza asked Mike if he knew what the car tax mill rate is. Deputy Chief Esposito explained that it is 37 mills across the board but he didn't know what ours is. He stated that a supplemental bill did not go out for the fire department in December because of a glitch that happened at city hall. Commissioner Haley added that if we don't know the amount then we shouldn't answer until we get the correct amount. Deputy Chief Esposito stated that he didn't think that the fire department gets any money from the boot. We have a councilman here who may have that answer. Deputy Chief replied that the firefighter has been reimbursed for his pillow. It was part of the insurance claim. Anthony stated that there are towns and citizens around the state that have had a lot of damage and some people have nothing; and this firefighter wants to know if he is getting paid for a pillow. That's heartless. Commissioner Panza responded that we are in the process of looking for a new Chief. As soon as we find one and communicate with the Mayor we will move that process along. We are ready to go. Deputy Chief Esposito explained that the roof was replaced and shortly after the guys had moved back there was another leak. It came to be the main drain that was under the building was clogged and in the back there were some old abandoned drains that were never properly capped from 10 or 12 years ago. Since then they have been capped and the last couple of rain storms I'm happy to say not a drop. Commissioner Panza replied that this is a public meeting and anyone can tape it. Anthony stated that he would like a copy of them. Commissioner Panza replied that he was not sure if he was entitled to them, but why don't you file an FOI and we can go from

there. Commissioner Panza stated that personnel issues are always on there. I don't think we have anything to discuss.

Margaret Krzeminski of 1 Robart Street, West Haven, CT stated that the State of Connecticut motor vehicle mill rate is 37 mills and the fire district as imposed 8 mills so we are going to be paying 45 mills. On top of this the City of West Haven is imposing a tax increase too. The fire department is going up a mill. This is outrageous. We are all going to go to poverty level with all these tax increases because of MARB. Now on your bills you have two pension payments on there, one for April and one for May. You couldn't do one each month. You have to make one big payment now. I think it's ridiculous. We don't have a superintendent anymore. Am I correct? We have to outsource anything that happens to the trucks. What is this with Citizens Bank \$1,885.49? Fuel City of West Haven \$8,429.77. Is that for one month for the trucks? Tracy's Garage for \$5,770.77. What truck was that on? Commissioner Pimer explained that it is Engine 2. Margaret asked if that was a new or old truck? Deputy Chief Esposito replied that it is 19 years old. Deputy Chief Esposito replied just for the record we have been asking for three years to start putting money away for a new truck. That repair is a specialized repair and would have had to go to Tracy's even if we had a superintendent. Margaret stated that didn't we sell a ladder truck that was 10 years old and this is a truck that is 19 years old. Why is there an 8 mill increase in Allingtown. Can you answer that question? Commissioner Panza replied that we are not even sure about this mill rate. We did not get a letter from her. Margaret stated that it was in the newspaper. It came from the Mayor. Commissioner Panza responded that that's the newspaper once we get a letter from the Mayor then it will be official. Margaret asked don't you ever go to the Mayor to get information. Commissioner Panza replied that we have been asking for a meeting for two months and she has not replied to us.

Commissioner Palumbo made a motion to close Public Session, seconded by Commissioner Panza and approved unanimously.

4. Finance: Deputy Chief Esposito explained the incorrectly billed fuel was for the last tow to two and a half years, we were not billed for the fuel that we used. Some of the fuel was billed to West Shore and when the city went back and checked the records that were what we owed. If you go back to our budget we were way under what we had budgeted for fuel. There are still some invoices. We had new cards assigned and now we write down the card number on our fuel log so you can match it up when we get the bill. Reviewed the list of invoices that have been processed. Why the city didn't track it we don't know but we paid what we owed and we should be made whole with them. Commissioner Panza asked about a bill from West Haven Fire Department for superintendent work. Deputy Chief Esposito replied that we have Pete Redding but there are only certain things that he can do, so Tony Capuana had to do this. Deputy Chief Esposito addressed the pension question explaining that Chief Landisio left on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. It was put in on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. I was not able to get into the Munis program to approve the bills. I just got in about a week and a half ago. So that's why there are double payments for the pension. Commissioner Panza asked Deputy Chief Esposito if he could address the charge account bill. Deputy Chief Esposito explained that when we don't have an account with some vendors then we use the charge card for these items. The phones and the iPads we discussed a few months ago. We went over to T-Mobile like the rest of the fire departments. We had to purchase six new iPads at \$300 each but we were able to sell the old ones at \$125 so we paid \$175. We are saving about 40 to 50 percent overall. The iPads with actually pay for themselves in about 7 or 8 months. We went live May 22<sup>nd</sup> and everything has been working.
5. Communications: None
6. Report of the Chief: None
7. Report of Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal: Deputy Chief Esposito gave a verbal and written report. Written report will be kept on file.

Commissioner Lathrop swore in new Firefighter James Ocampo.

8. Old Business: Commissioner Brown thanked all those who participated in the Memorial Day Parade. Commissioner Brown thanked Chief Landisio, Deputy Chief Esposito for getting more fund put back in the budget. These are funds that are needed by the department.

Parkview Commons Project – Deputy Chief Esposito stated that they are getting ready to start the relocation of the pipe. I believe they will be starting in July.

9. New Business: Deputy Chief Esposito explained that there are more cracks in the exterior of Headquarters station. It's just a matter of time before debris will start to fall. We need to get this addressed. I know we will have to get three quotes for the repair.

A motion was presented to close Regular Session at 7:25 p.m. and go into Executive Session by Commissioner Palumbo, seconded by Commissioner Lathrop and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to conclude Executive Session and return into Regular Session at 8:15 p.m. by Commissioner Palumbo, seconded by Commissioner Lathrop and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to adjourn by Commissioner Palumbo, seconded by Commissioner Lathrop and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 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