

City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown

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CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE COMMISSIONERS ALLINGTOWN

Board of Fire Commissioners
November 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
20 Admiral Street, West Haven, CT 06516

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of October 5, 2021 meeting minutes.
4. Public Session
5. Finance
Invoices
6. Communications
7. Report of Chief
8. Report of Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal
9. Old Business
Headquarters Issues
Firehouse Study
Testing
Entry Level Consortium
New Firehouse Property
New Fire Truck
10. New Business
11. Executive Session.
Vacation and Sick Time
Personnel Issues

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CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT ALLINGTOWN
October 5, 2021
Minutes

A Meeting of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Present were Commissioners Iris Diaz, Cori Nunley, Troy Tappin, Paul Sikorski, Andrea Palumbo, and Frederick Brown . Also present was Chief Terenzio, Deputy Chief Esposito.

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

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Business Manager Brooks called the roll and declared a quorum.

3. Approval of September 15, 2021 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Diaz made a motion to accept the minutes from September 15, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

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.

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

6. Communications: Business Manager Brooks read an email from Margaret Krzeminski asking the commissioners to please open the monthly meetings to the public. We want to know what's going on with the fire service in our community in Allingtown. Deputy Chief Esposito added that the meetings for the city are now open. Commissioner Diaz stated that she would look into it. She said that some of the board members have shown concern for their safety. She said she will make sure the board is safe and practice social distancing as needed.

7. Report of the Chief: Chief Terenzio gave verbal and written report for September which will be kept on file. Chief Terenzio stated that the apparatus that was being repaired has been completed and is back in service. The Chief explained that the Grants Process has ended for this year. We were fortunate to receive \$373,636 as the host department for a regional request to replace 57 outdated SCBA packs. We unfortunately were not successful in getting the SAFER grant this year. We are going to see where we fell short in the request and improve. We can send in another application in November. Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro requested a press conference on Monday the 13th of September to recognize our success as well as the other two districts' successes.

The MARB meeting that was scheduled for September was postponed until this month. The last report that we presented was favorable.

New Station Project-We have reached the point that we need to secure a site for this project. We are in the process of securing the properties from 634-668 Boston Post Road. The Chief's office hosted a meeting with Mayor Rossi, City Council members Ron Quagliani, Robbin Hamilton and Gary Donovan; Attorney Lee Tiernan, State Representative Michael DiMassa and the Mayor's Executive Aide Louis Esposito on September

30, 2021. Deputy Chief Esposito had put together a very professional PowerPoint presentation. This explained the dire need of a new station and an update on the process thus far in identifying a suitable location. A lengthy discussion followed. The meetings conclusion resulted in the city supporting the departments efforts in securing the property mentioned above. A brief discussion followed.

8. Report of Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal: Deputy Chief Esposito gave verbal and written reports for September. Written reports will be kept on file. Deputy Chief Esposito reiterated that we need to have the boards support on the new station project. He explained that the Chief and I did our homework. We left nothing open to be questioned. Representative Michael DiMassa is looking into funding at the state level. He explained how a company had contacted him that would fund and clerk the job. We spoke of other options such as bonding. Commissioner Brown asked about the DePalma site. Deputy Chief Esposito explained that they spoke with the city about this property but it is just too costly at this time. Commissioner Diaz stated that you are both doing an incredible job.
9. Old Business: Headquarters Issues- Chief Terenzio explained that we still have the sewer problem. It may become more of an issue if we get more Bunkie's. Now that the fire science club has been informed of our program; there has been some interest in it. From what we understand UNH has taken on more students than they have housing for, for next year. Commissioner Diaz commented about the Bunkie program. She said she was disappointed that they were not made aware of the program before. Deputy Chief Esposito gave an update on the basement repair. He stated that the floor is done, the walls are done and the cabinets have been put in place. This should be finished in the next few weeks.

Firehouse Study – This was addressed above.

SAFER Grant (Safer for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response) – This was addressed above.

Testing-Captains- Chief Terenzio explained that he had sent the updated information to the testing company. We will probably wait until after the holidays to start the process.

Entry Level Consortium-Chief Terenzio explained what and how an entry level consortium works. You have to become a member of the consortium. Then you run one test for all the members. From that test you establish a list. Then you can choose from that list. Commissioner Diaz asked if the list has an expiration date. Chief Terenzio replied that it does and he believes it is two years. Brief discussion followed.

New Firehouse Property-Was discussed above.

New Fire Truck-Deputy Chief Esposito explained that the committee was going to meet with the vendor and go over the plans next Wednesday. He explained that this is very involved. It takes about six hours.

10. New Business: Commissioner Brown had a few questions. He asked when our meeting was going to be in November. Business Manager Brooks replied that it will be on Wednesday November 3rd. He asked the Chief about the butler building that he was looking into. Chief Terenzio explained that the cost would be between 23-28k. It's too costly at this time. We would rather save that money for future projects. We did find temporary storage for the Mack. Commissioner Brown mentioned the memorial ceremonies for the other districts. I believe the Center one is on October 17th and West Shore is on October 24th. Deputy Chief Esposito explained that we are trying to put a Fire Expo together on November 6, 2021 from 11am to 4 pm. This will be part of the Centennial Celebrations.

Chief Esposito asked about installing security cameras at Minor Park. In these times we need to be able to see what's going on outside at night and when we are out of the station. We had one employee who had a few tools taken out of the back of his truck. Commissioner Diaz agreed with this and asked the board if they had any input on this. She asked the Deputy Chief to get some quotes.

Deputy Chief Esposito explained that a few months back there was talk of getting overcoats for the men to wear when they have to wear their Class A's to any type of function in the bad weather. The Center District has picked out a coat. They are getting them for their members. Do you think it's possible to get them for our members? They cost \$288.00 each. Brief discussion with the board. Commissioner Diaz stated that if we have enough money in the budget then the board agrees to get them. This is good for moral.

A motion was made to close regular session at 8:02 pm and go into executive session by Commissioner Palumbo, seconded by Commissioner Tappin and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to close executive session at 8:15 pm and resume regular session by Commissioner Palumbo, seconded by Commissioner Tappin and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to adjourn by Commissioner Palumbo, seconded by Commissioner Tappin and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 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