



City of West Haven Fire Department
Allingtoun

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Minutes

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A meeting of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtoun was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

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

Commissioner Diaz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Administrative Assistant DeVellis called the roll and declared a quorum.

3. Approval of March 14th, 2023, meeting minutes.

Commissioner Palumbo pointed out that the time to close the regular session and go into executive session was wrong since it was after the time to close the executive session. Administrative Assistant DeVellis agreed to say the time should be corrected from 8:38 pm to 7:38 pm for closing the regular session.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Commissioner Tappin.

Commissioner Palumbo abstained since she was not present at the last meeting.

4. Public Session:

Anthony Krzeminski and Margaret Krzeminski, 1 Robart Street, West Haven CT. Anthony asked if the fire department has insurance on their rescue and if the department has a contract with AMR since they show up with the rescue. Chief Terenzio said they do have insurance and they do not have a contract with AMR but they are following the state standards. Chief also mentioned that AMR will have a vehicle on standby on the corner of Campbell and Elm starting this Saturday from 7a.m. – 11a.m. for the next three months.. Anthony brought up his concern about calling 9-1-1 and said that his calls go to New Haven rather than West Haven. Chief Terenzio and Deputy Chief Esposito explained that the call is then transferred locally. Anthony then pointed out his observation that when Margaret had been transferred by AMR, the rescue

was right behind it when they arrived at the hospital and asked why the rescue could not have just taken her. Chief Terenzio said that AMR is the primary transport agency in the state of CT. Deputy Chief Esposito said that the rescue will transport you when AMR cannot but they will still treat you before. Deputy Chief Esposito also said that the rescue will always have a paramedic where AMR could show up as BLS or ALS, so if they need a paramedic to ride with them to the hospital, the paramedic can ride with but then the paramedic would have to be picked up at the hospital. Anthony asked about a rescue unit being left running but unattended and Chief Terenzio said that they sometimes need to stay running due to the temperature the medical supplies need to stay at but that it is locked up. Margaret questioned how they want to combine the library with the firehouse and Deputy Chief Esposito explained that it has been done before and that they have meetings with the library to work together on this project. Margaret asked if they still had the money from ARPA to go towards the new station and Deputy Chief Esposito said yes.

John Ordazzo, Retired WHFD Firefighter and Appointed All-Girl Boy Scout Troop #821 Liaison. John said the all-girl boy scout troop had a recruitment meeting at the West Haven Library on March 21st. 48 children attended. He said they are ready for cub scouts and when they become scouts they will be separated into boys and girls. They had another meeting on April 4th, and they expect to have 10 new members.

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

Commissioner Brown asked about paying for the firefighters' gym memberships and Chief Terenzio and Administrative Assistant DeVellis explained that it is new in their contracts and that they will be reimbursed \$250 each for gym memberships.

Administrative Assistant DeVellis explained the MES Shipman's line for SCBAs and that West Haven Center District will reimburse us for their portion.

Commissioner Diaz asked about the West Shore Fire District line for the iPads for the trucks and Chief Terenzio explained that we owe for our Department's portion.

Administrative Assistant DeVellis said they added a revenue sheet of Deputy Chief Esposito's inspections and plan reviews.

Margaret Krzeminski asked about the department's requested budget and how they are asking for less this year. Chief Terenzio explained that with the grants received some line items could be reduced based on the previous year's expenses.

6. Communications:

Received a thank you note from the Gentile family for the donation made.

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

Chief Terenzio said that the ZETRON Alerting System has been corrected and working well.

Chief Terenzio said that they were told they need to have a more detailed plan to use the ARPA money soon since they are getting a new administration.

Chief Terenzio noted that they are currently down two positions and that one of them needs to be filled with a paramedic.

Chief Terenzio explained that the process of getting new digital radios is moving forward and they are looking at Motorola but still considering vendors.

Chief Terenzio said they have another meeting with the State Delegation on April 15th about the library to gain support.

Commissioner Brown asked if Car 9's exhaust problem had been resolved and Chief Terenzio said he will look into it.

8. Report of the Deputy Chief/Fire Marshall: Deputy Chief Esposito gave a written and verbal report for March which will be kept on file.

Commissioner Brown asked if they can look into meeting the Statutory requirements for inspections since they had not been met in years. Chief Terenzio said it is unrealistic for one person but will look into it.

9. Old Business:

New Firehouse Property/Library –

Troop 821- Initial Report

All of these items were discussed in the earlier reports.

Commissioner Brown asked if there was a title for the boat and Administrative Assistant DeVellis explained that the boat is not required to have a title because the model year is before 2017.

New Business:

Pension Discussion – Chief Terenzio said he would like to wait to speak to the Pension Board next month and handle it with Kevin Losty before talking about it here.

Commissioner Brown brought up that the MARB discussed the new fire station.

Commissioner Brown said he is glad to hear that the Chiefs are looking at the Community Investment Plan.

10. A motion was made to close the regular session at 7:51 pm and go into the executive session by Commissioner Palumbo, seconded by Commissioner Tappin, and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to close the executive session at 8:19 pm and resume a regular session by Commissioner Palumbo; seconded by Commissioner Tappin and approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Diaz at 8:19 pm; seconded by Commissioner Palumbo.

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

Minutes recorded by Administrative Assistant Sydney Landolphi.