

CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT ALLINGTOWN

May 9, 2023

Minutes

A meeting of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown was held on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023.

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

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

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call

Administrative Assistant DeVellis called the roll and declared a quorum.

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- 3. Approval of April 11th, 2023, meeting minutes.

Commissioner Tappin made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Corcoran abstained since he was not present at the last meeting.

- 4. Public Session:

Commissioner Corcoran made a motion to move up the report of the new Firehouse Property/Library from Old Business to Public Session; seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved unanimously.

Chief Terenzio explained that members of the West Haven Public Library are here to meet members of our board and to further discuss their common interests for this project. Everyone introduced themselves; Colleen Bailie (Executive Director of the Library), John Galvin (President of VIA), Curtis Hodgkins, Charles Gunning, and Colleen O'Connor (CouncilWoman). Olivia Bissanti, the city's Assistant Grant Writer, said she was excited to come on board and will be ready to write out a grant for them once this project is further along.

Commissioner Brown asked if the Library will be receiving any ARPA money. The board said they will be at the May 22nd meeting to discuss the need for funding.

There was discussion of doing a press release letting the public know they are working together. Chief Terenzio said we will want to meet with the Mayor telling her first that they want to do that.

Councilwoman Colleen O'Connor recommends showing them the cities that have done a firehouse combined with a library before.

5. Finance: Reviewed and accepted the list of processed invoices for April and revenue sheet.

Commissioner Tappin asked about line 41 that said Superintendent and Administrative Assistant DeVellis explained it was payment to the West Haven Fire Department for maintenance on our fire trucks.

Deputy Chief Esposito pointed out that there are still a few vendor lines for payment of the new Engine 3.

6. Communications: none

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

Chief Terenzio stated that they are still currently down two positions and that one of them needs to be filled with a paramedic. He explained that they have one current firefighter paramedic staff member who wanted to let his paramedic certification expire but has agreed to maintain it for a while longer until we can find a paramedic replacement. Chief Terenzio said it has been a real challenge getting the positions filled.

Chief Terenzio said that they have one member out with an injury.

Chief Terenzio mentioned that their firefighters have had to take their gear to the other station to launder so they intend to utilize additional funds to construct a temporary annex building off the southwest corner of Minor Park Station. They will relocate other storage to make room for a PPE Gear Extractor and Washer.

Chief Terenzio was glad to announce that the purchase requests for two replacement chief vehicles have been approved by the full MARB. The Purchase Order for the two vehicles have been issued as they await delivery.

Commissioner Brown asked if Car 9's exhaust problem had been resolved and Deputy Chief Esposito said no and that it is a problem with the catalytic converter. Chief Terenzio said that his current car will become the new Car 9 once he gets his new vehicle so it would not make sense to spend a lot of money on it right now.

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

Commissioner Corcoran was curious as to how the CO basement problem happened at the Carrigan School and Deputy Chief Esposito explained it was a maintenance issue where the exhaust pipe did not have a cap on it. Deputy Chief Esposito said they were still able to safely keep school in session.

9. Old Business:

New Firehouse Property/Library –

All of these items were discussed in the earlier reports.

10. New Business:

Hiring two firefighters/paramedics –

Chief Terenzio said that the interviews need to happen by late June because the State Fire Academy will be starting in August.

Chief Terenzio noted that there are only ten paramedics on the CT Consortium list.

Pension discussion – meeting was held on May, 9 2023.

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

A motion was presented to close the executive session at 8:30 pm and resume a regular session by Commissioner Corcoran; seconded by Commissioner Tappin and approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Tappin at 8:30 pm; seconded by Commissioner Diaz.

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.