

CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT ALLINGTOWN

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Minutes

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A meeting of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

Patricia C. Brooks
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Present were Commissioners Troy Tappin, Paul Sikorski, Kevin Corcoran and Frederick Brown. Also present was Chief Terenzio, Deputy Chief Esposito.

Commissioner Diaz called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Business Manager Brooks called the roll and declared a quorum.

3. Approval of June 14, 2022 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction under Approval of May 10, 2022 meeting minutes; should Approval of June 14, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sikorski and approved unanimously.

4. Public Session: Margaret Krezminski of 1 Robart Street, West Haven stated that she had read the minutes from June and noticed that an interview was done for a Firefighter Grade C position. I noticed that it didn't mention the candidate's name. Commissioner Tappin replied that his name was under section 11-Rodrigo Pinto. Chief Terenzio explained Rodrigo's qualifications and explained that he was scheduled for his physical and as soon as we get the results that he passed the physical we can proceed. Margaret asked why the department went from a defined pension plan to a 401K. Deputy Chief replied that the City did this when we became an entity of the city. A brief discussion followed about going from two stations to one station. The discussion touched base on location, response times and costs.

Councilwoman Robbin Hamilton reiterated that the district would need about 15 million to achieve the new station. She asked if all this money would come from taxes, grants or what? Deputy Chief Esposito responded that we have some in the fund balance, grants and we have looked into what's called a lease purchase on a building. He explained that we usually get them for our apparatus. We had no idea that you could get them on a building. It's not like leasing a vehicle as we all know that process. We own the apparatus out right at the end of the lease purchase unlike the way a lease works with a regular vehicle. Well this can be done with a station as well.

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

Business Manager Brooks explained that the budget has been accepted and passed by the MARB. It has been loaded into the Munis program.

6. Communications: None

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

Chief Terenzio explained the impact of going from a defined pension to a 401K. In a little over a month we lost two firefighters that have chosen to go to departments that have pensions. We have become a revolving door. Every time a firefighter resigns and goes to another department this cost our department quite a bit. We must move forward with the process of getting a pension for the newer hires that are now participating in the 401K. The police department is having the same issues with this. I believe we have the first vacancy filled with Rodrigo Pinto. We are just waiting on his physical results. We are diligently looking for a second candidate from the consortium.

Chief Terenzio explained that we are preparing to deal with the replacement of the chassis on the Rescue unit. The new engine is coming along. Deputy Chief Esposito will explain further in his report.

Chief Terenzio gave an update on the Grants. We received word that from FEMA that the Joint Regional Grant request for new radios is being recommended. We were sent an Environmental and Historical Impact form from FEMA related to our request to replace the SCBA bottle filling station. The form has been completed for submission in the event that we get the grant. We should be getting further updates on the SAFER Grant within a few weeks. A brief discussion on the new station project followed.

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

Deputy Chief Esposito gave a presentation of the new Engine 3. The chassis has arrived at the Smeal factory in Snyder, Nebraska. Now they have to finish putting it all together.

Deputy Chief Esposito spoke further in depth about the new firehouse project. We have to have everyone on board with the project. We will be meeting with UNH again. They are showing a lot of interest in this project.

9. Old Business: Headquarters Issues -

Firehouse Study –

Testing-Entry Level Consortium-

New Firehouse Property -

New Fire Truck-

SCBA Bottle Fill Compressor-

These items were discussed in the earlier reports.

10. New Business: Chief Terenzio stated that all elected and appointed officials for the City of West Haven need to complete a Disclosure Form. He made sure each commissioner in attendance received a form to complete.

Commissioner Brown thanked all those who participated in the Juneteenth celebrations. He commended Councilwoman Robbin Hamilton for the fine job that she did organizing the celebration.

11. A motion was made to close regular session at 7:51 pm and go into executive session by Commissioner Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to close executive session at 8:41 pm and resume regular session by Commissioner Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved unanimously. After a brief discussion about having another open position earlier, the board agreed to have the Chiefs continue to move forward with a lateral hire. The board also agreed to hire Sidney Landolphi on a part time basis to help in the office from now throughout the school year.

A motion was presented to adjourn by Commissioner Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Sikorski and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 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