

CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT ALLINGTOWN

November 8, 2022

Minutes

A meeting of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

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

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

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance

- 2. Roll Call

Business Manager Brooks called the roll and declared a quorum.

- 3. Approval of October 11th, 2022, meeting minutes.

Commissioner Palumbo made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Commissioner Diaz. Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Tappin abstained since they were not present at the last meeting.

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- 4. Public Session:

Margaret Krzeminski, 1 Robart Street, West Haven CT. Margaret brought up that people are dumping tires on West Haven properties. Margaret was concerned for students crossing the Boston Post Road. Commissioner Diaz replied that hopefully something can be said to UNH. Margaret asked for an update on the new firehouse and Chief Terenzio said he would talk about that more in his report. Margaret asked where the new fire truck will stay. Chief Terenzio replied saying the new fire truck would be at the Minor Park station and the old one will be moved to Headquarters.

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

Deputy Chief Esposito explained the price from the roof leak that had to be fixed at Minor Park.

- 6. Communications:

Nueske's sent Deputy Chief Esposito two gift boxes as a thank you for helping with the small fire they had.

MAST Solutions Inc. did not charge the firehouse for the apparatus soap that they needed as a thank you for their service.

W.H.I.N.C. thanked the Allingtown FD for providing services and resources to families of children with special needs through their Car Seat Installation Program.

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

Chief Terenzio explained that probationary Firefighter Christopher Jordan has gotten his certifications from Virginia approved in Connecticut. FF Jordan has currently been assigned to "D" shift and reports have been positive.

Chief Terenzio explained that Firefighter Pinto is on the path to successfully completing his paramedic training to be accredited at the National Registry Level. FF Pinto understands the agreement of this requirement.

Chief Terenzio was excited to report that Melissa DeVellis has begun her employment with the department as Debbie Brooks' replacement. Melissa began on Thursday, October 27th, 2022 working with Debbie to be trained on all the duties.

Chief Terenzio explained that they got a new motor for Marine 1 at a good cost to replace the 30-year-old power system.

Chief Terenzio was happy to report that the Car Seat Install/Inspection program was a great success at last month's Fire, Police, and Health Expo.

Chief Terenzio explained that the volunteer members provided stand-by fire protection at UNH for their burn room demonstration. Chief Terenzio is content with the continued and increasing participation with UNH and its Fire Science program.

Chief Terenzio explained that no SAFER awards were announced in October.

Chief Terenzio explained that they are continuing to work on getting the Collective Bargaining Agreement approved by the MARB.

Chief Terenzio was glad to report that there seems to be a lot of internal support at UNH for their new station project which will involve the property on Old Orange Ave. We are

awaiting the appraisal on State DOT property included to make the location viable. Once this is received, we will lobby for support and ultimate purchase of the land.

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

Deputy Chief Esposito announced that Firefighter Christopher Jordan was sworn in on October 4th, 2022.

Deputy Chief Esposito gave a presentation of the new Engine 3. He was excited to report that the final inspection in Nebraska should be around the end of November.

9. Old Business:

Headquarters Issues –

Firehouse Study –

New Firehouse Property –

New Fire Truck –

All of these items were discussed in the earlier reports.

Commissioner Palumbo motioned to add that on October 24th, 2022 she and Commissioner Diaz interviewed Melissa DeVellis and a conditional offer was made upon completion of requirements and the position was accepted; seconded by Commissioner Tappin, and approved unanimously.

Deputy Chief Esposito mentioned that he got estimates for cameras being put in at both stations. He presented three quotes. Commissioner Palumbo motioned to approve the estimate with Esposito Electrical and Security; seconded by Commissioner Tappin, and approved unanimously. Deputy Chief Esposito reported that there is no relation to the above vendor.

10. New Business:

Purchase of New Engine Equipment - Chief Terenzio explained that he and Deputy Chief Esposito went over what equipment needs to be replaced and they got estimates.

Purchase of Extrication Equipment - Deputy Chief Esposito explained that they budgeted for the three tools they need and would like to buy from TNT since their batteries are more universal. Commissioner Diaz requested that two more quotes be obtained before approving a vendor.

Deputy Chief Esposito brought up the issue of the apparatus floor at the Headquarters station. They need to repair the cracks and put a coat on to stop the leaks. He will get quotes for the next meeting.

Commissioner Brown reminded everyone of the 5K Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 19th from 9-12 at Bradley Point park. He also reminded everyone of the Allingtown Center Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 4th from 6-8 pm at the Allingtown Green.

Commissioner Brown wished Debbie Brooks a happy retirement. Commissioners Diaz, Palumbo, and Tappin, Deputy Chief Esposito, and Chief Terenzio also congratulated Debbie and thanked her for her twenty-six years of dedication to the Allingtown Fire Department.

11. A motion was made to close the regular session at 8:00 pm and go into the executive session by Commissioner Palumbo, seconded by Commissioner Diaz, and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to close the executive session at 8:21 pm and resume a regular session by Commissioner Palumbo; seconded by Commissioner Diaz and approved unanimously. After a brief discussion, a motion for a vote that following Melissa DeVellis' interview on October 24th, 2022 a conditional offer was made upon completion of requirements and the position of Administrative Assistant II was accepted, and the contract will be sent to the commissioners in the near future by Commissioner Palumbo; seconded by Commissioner Diaz, and approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Tappin at 8:24 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