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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

121 CONNECTICUT AVENUE **SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**
5:00P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Carol Andreoli, Chair; Mayor Richard Moccia; Michael Coffey

STAFF: Denis McCarthy, Fire Chief; Assistant Chief Lawrence Riley; Michelle DeLuca, Emergency Management; Deputy Chief Gino Gatto

CALL TO ORDER.

Commissioner Andreoli called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. A quorum was present.

Chief McCarthy noted that Deputy Chief Reilly had worked very hard on getting the historical photograph together and the enlargements were done by Eric Troutman.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES.

Regular Meeting June 18, 2013.

**** COMMISSIONER COFFEY MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2013 REGULAR MEETING.**
**** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2013 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

ACTION ITEMS.

There were no actions to consider at this time.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT.

Fire Station Report – Chief McCarthy said that the administration had moved into the new Fire Headquarters today. He added that Ms. DeLuca and Assistant Chief Reilly were members of the 3 a.m. Club along with others who had stayed late to complete the move.

The Department had a luncheon with the contractors to celebrate the move into the new Firehouse. The project started 18 months ago and the project is on budget. Chief McCarthy thanked the Commission for their support in this project. The Mayor said that if the department had not gone to Kansas City and had the various meetings with Jim Hines, the project would have come in over budget.

Chief McCarthy said that the department was going out to bid for the Westport Avenue station project. It was bid once but will be done again. Newfield Construction has done a wonderful job on the Connecticut Avenue station. A proposal has now been presented that will keep the engines in the garages, but move the living space into a trailer during the construction phase.

ASSISTANCE CHIEF'S REPORT.

Assistant Chief Reilly said that he's been busy with the move.

The Penfield Road fire had two fatalities and the investigation had not been completed at this time.

Mayor Moccia said that the Fire Commission and the City Administration were deeply saddened by the tragic shooting at the Washington D.C. Naval Ship Yard.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT -

No report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-

Ms. DeLuca said there were many people still dealing with the Sandy issues. There are some Federal funds available for homeowners through CDBG. The CDBG funding could be available in a matter of weeks. Some people have still not received FEMA payments after two years.

Chief McCarthy said that there had been a meeting with Mr. Callahan about providing shelter for the medically fragile, such as those on ventilators or other issues when there are major storms. Party of the plan is do identify housing for these residents such as Notre Dame Convalescent Home or other similar locations.

Mayor Moccia said that the City had learned a number of things from the Cranbury lockdown. He said that the BOE should have used their Code Red. The City is moving ahead and working on security issues.

TRAINING REPORT –

Deputy Chief Gatto said that the Department currently has four 4 guys at the Academy. All four trainees are Norwalk residents. The trainees have 10 more weeks to go. The expected graduation is December 6th.

Annual training has been going on through the online center for the Annual Blood Borne, Air Borne HazMat issues and related subjects. These training courses are now available online.

A Lieutenant's test was given recently. Thirteen of the candidates passed.

UNION PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

No report.

OLD BUSINESS.

There was no old business to consider at this time.

NEW BUSINESS.

There was no new business to consider at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE.

There was no correspondence to consider at this time.

PERSONNEL.

Firefighter Bruce Bento requesting Disability Pension 09/30/2013 from the DROP Pension 06/10/2012.

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED WITH DEEP REGRET TO GRANT BRUCE BENTO SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY PENSION AS HE IS UNABLE TO PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF A FIREFIGHTER RESULTING FROM A WORK RELATED INJURY**.

Mayor Moccia noted that he was thankful for Firefighter Bento's service to the City.

**** COMMISSIONER ANDREOLI SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Chief McCarthy and Assistant Chief Reilly Salary Increase FY 12/13 & 13/14.

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED THAT IN LINE WITH THE PAST PRACTICE, TO RECOMMEND THAT CHIEF MCCARTHY AND ASSISTANT CHIEF REILLY RECEIVE A SALARY INCREASE OF 2.5% INCREASE RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 2012 AND A 2.0% INCREASE RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 2013.**
**** COMMISSIONER COFFEY SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT.

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** COMMISSIONER COFFEY SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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