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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Carol Andreoli, Chair; Mayor Richard A. Moccia

STAFF: Fire Chief Denis McCarthy, Assistant Chief Laurence Reilly,
Fire Marshall Glenn Iannaccone, Deputy Chief Gino Gatto,
Michelle DeLuca, Emergency Management Deputy D

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Andreoli called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 15, 2010

Ms. Andreoli said that there was no quorum for the last meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Recognition of John Phelps

The Fire Commissioners and Chief McCarthy presented Mr. Phelps with a certificate in recognition of his role in a near drowning accident. Mr. Phelps started CPR on a two year old victim and maintained life support until the first responders arrived at the scene. Chief McCarthy commended him for his professionalism and also congratulated him on celebrating his 82nd birthday.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

09/10 Budget Report – Chief McCarthy reported that the final figures are in and that the department completed the year in the black. He said that everyone was very please that they were able to do this. Ms. Andreoli said that she would like to thank everyone for this.

10/11 Budget Report – Chief McCarthy said that the new budget has a 0 % increase, which will affect all the divisions.

Contract Negotiations Update – The Chief explained that there have already been two

meetings and another one is scheduled for the near future.

Fire Station Project Report – The architectural firm has been selected and Corporation Counsel is reviewing the contract. The Council approved the selection of the architect was approved on the consent calendar. The architectural firm that was selected specializes in fire stations.

Force Realignment Plan – Chief McCarthy said that there is no station in Cranbury and while the construction is underway at Central, all the staff at Central will have to be temporarily relocated. Chief McCarthy then reviewed a plan that would add on some space at Station 4. Rescue will be stationed at Station 1. There would also be a Lieutenant assigned to the Rescue vehicle for each, shift, which will complete the coverage of the plan.

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FORCE REALIGNMENT PLAN AS PRESENTED.**

**** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ASSISTANT CHIEF REPORT

Operations Report

Assistant Chief Reilly reviewed a recent accident at Exit 16 where a truck hit a tree. The fire fighters used every piece of extraction equipment on both trucks to extract the driver.

He also reported that five new sets of cold water gear has been received through an Assistance to Firefighter (AFG) grant to replace the current gear which was 20 years old.

FIRE MARSHAL

Summary of Activities – Fire Marshal Iannaccone reviewed the activities for June 2010 with the Commissioners.

Fire Reports - Fire Marshal Iannaccone reviewed the three fires that occurred in June.

Promotions and Vacancies - Fire Marshal Iannaccone reviewed the details around the staffing in the Fire Marshal's department. Discussion followed.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Update – Ms. DeLuca said that she was working on some simplified ARC plans and a “go to” guide for everyone. September is National Preparedness month. Ms. DeLuca said that she had met with the three victims from Smith Street and Woodward Avenue and was able to give them a small amount of financial assistance from the Victim's Fund.

TRAINING REPORT

Recruit Training – Deputy Chief Gatto said that the new graduates from the Academy have integrated into their shifts at the various stations. There will be five more fire fighters hired in September. One of them is already an active fire fighter; so only four candidates will be going to

the Academy. There will be an additional seven vacancies anticipated next year.

Educational Comments – The OSHA classes are almost completed.

Promotional exams – Two promotional exams were given recently.

Twelve members attended the New York Fire Academy for a class involving the tiller truck. The New York Fire Academy offered this four day course for twelve fire fighters for free. Chief McCarthy said that when fire fighters are back, they will train others fire fighters.

OSHA exams will begin soon. Captain Basset from the Rescue Truck was given a donation of a number of concrete blocks, which can be used for training fire fighters on cutting through concrete block.

There are two buildings on Main Street that will be demolished and the Fire Department will be allowed to use the buildings for training.

UNION PRESIDENT REPORT

There are no union items to discuss. There was no one from the union present.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to discuss at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES.**

**** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission and Chief McCarthy entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 6:09 p.m. The Commission returned to public session at _____

ADJOURNMENT

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at _____

Respectfully submitted,

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