

CITY OF NORWALK
FIRE DEPARTMENT



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING
COMMISSIONER OSCAR DESTRUGE
COMMISSIONER CURTIS LANGLEY

REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 21, 2106

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling, Commissioner Oscar Destruge

STAFF: Fire Chief Laurence Reilly, Deputy Chief Gino Gatto, Deputy Chief Al Bassett, Lefty Petridis, Union President; Fire Marshal Chris Hansen, Firefighter Richard Dominick, Deputy Chief Stephen Shay, Firefighter Martin O'Marra, Firefighter Stephen St. Onge

OTHERS: Mr. Emmet Hibson, Personnel Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

Regular Meeting May 17, 2016.

**** COMMISSIONER DESTRUGE MOVED THE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2016 REGULAR MEETING.**

**** MAYOR RILLING SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2016 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ACTION ITEM

Firefighter Richard Dominick: Request for Disability Pension.

**** COMMISSIONER DESTRUGE MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

**** MAYOR RILLING SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commissioners, Chief Reilly, Deputy Chief Gatto, Mr. Hibson, Union President Petridis and Firefighter Dominick entered into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters at 3:03 p.m. They returned to Public Session at 3:12 p.m.

**** COMMISSIONER DESTRUGE MOVED TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF FIREFIGHTER RICHARD DOMINICK ONTO DISABILITY PENSION.**

**** MAYOR RILLING SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FIRE CHIEF REPORT.

• Budget Report.

Chief Reilly said that the department was on budget. The Capital Budget now has a Special Appropriation for the underground storage tanks at 100 Fairfield Avenue. He gave the details of the project. Chief Reilly said that the Legal Department had discovered that the contractor had incorrectly charged the department a higher rate for doing the project.

ASSISTANT CHIEF REPORT

• Operations Report.

Deputy Chief Gatto presented his monthly report and reviewed each of the significant fire calls, including two with fatalities.

• Award Meritorious Service Bar for:

- Deputy Chief Stephen Shay (Star – 3rd Award)
- Firefighter Martin O'Marra (Star – 3rd Award)
- Firefighter Stephen St. Onge

Deputy Chief Gatto reported on the morning of March 6th, the Department was dispatched to the intersection of Wall Street and Main Street where there was a vehicle upside down in Norwalk River. The three members of the department were awarded the Stars and Bars for their work in extracting the driver from the vehicle.

Mayor Rilling, Commissioner Destruge, Chief Reilly and Deputy Chief Gatto presented Deputy Chief Shay, Firefighter O'Marra and Firefighter St. Onge with their awards.

- **The following Fire Personnel will receive a Certificate of Merit:**

Captain John Maggio, Captain Edward McCabe, Lieutenant Roy Gagne, Lieutenant Peter Brown, Lieutenant Timothy Morrisette, Firefighter John McClester, Firefighter Ryan McEnaney, Firefighter Kevin Gilchrist, Jr., Firefighter Julius Hall, Firefighter Anthony Bruno, Firefighter Paul Toth, Firefighter Chad Boudreau, Firefighter Matthew Zaremski, Firefighter David Janofsky, Firefighter Marc Chimento, Firefighter Gregory DiGiovanni, Firefighter Todd Somma, Firefighter James Cocchia.

Fire Marshal Hansen then gave the overview of the Fire Personnel who will receive Certificates of Merit.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

- **Summary of Activities**
- **Fire Reports**
- **Fire Marshal Fees**

Fire Marshal Hansen presented his report, which was included in the Commissioner's information packet.

Fire Marshal Hansen said that this would be his last meeting as he was retiring on the 29th. The Mayor, Commissioner Destruge and the staff all expressed their best wishes to him.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

Ms. DeLuca was not present due to a schedule conflict. Chief Reilly said that Ms. DeLuca conducted a class for the City Department heads regarding pre-hurricane training.

TRAINING REPORT.

- **Completing the Monthly Training Objectives (Ladders)**

Deputy Chief Bassett reviewed the details of the class.

- **Company Level Leadership Training, "The Leader in You."**

Deputy Chief Bassett reviewed the details of the class.

- **Approval of Deputy Chief Eligibility List.**

LOCAL 830 REPORT.

There were no items to consider.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to consider.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items to consider.

CORRESPONDENCE

• Jefferson Magnet School's Thank You Letter.

Chief Reilly said that the Department had received a thank you letter from the staff at Jefferson Magnet for a May 12th Fire Safety Program was included in the Commissioners' information packet.

• A Thank You letter to Mr. Calderini

Chief Reilly also informed the Commissioners about a generous training system gift from Mr. Pablo Calderini was included in the Commissioners' information packet.

PERSONNEL

• Retirement Letters for signature.

Chief Reilly presented the Commissioners with the retirement letters for their signatures.

Chief Reilly informed the Commissioners that Captain Hope would be retiring on the 29th.

• Promotion of Lieutenant Mark Conte to Captain and Firefighter Patrick St. Onge to Lieutenant.

**** COMMISSIONER DESTRUGE MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF LIEUTENANT MARK CONTE TO CAPTAIN, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016.**

**** MAYOR RILLING SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COMMISSIONER DESTRUGE MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF FIREFIGHTER PATRICK ST. ONGE TO LIEUTENANT, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016.**

**** MAYOR RILLING SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Rilling requested that a promotional ceremony be scheduled after June 30th.

• Discussion regarding filling Fire Marshal's Position.

There was a brief discussion regarding the fact that there was one qualified staff member who was eligible for the Fire Marshal's position.

**** COMMISSIONER DESTRUGE MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF ACTING DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL BRODERICK SAWYER TO FIRE MARSHAL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2016.**

**** MAYOR RILLING SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER DESTRUGE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MAYOR RILLING SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Services