

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 19, 2012**

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

STAFF: Denis McCarthy, Fire Chief; Lawrence Reilly, Assistant Chief;
Michelle Deluca, Emergency Management; Glenn Iannaccone, Fire
Marshall;

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Ms. Andreoli.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 15, 2012 MEETING

Mayor Moccia noted that Mr. Coffey's name was misspelled and listed under staff and should have been in the first line under attendance.

- ** MAYOR MOCCIA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
OF THE
MAY 15, 2012 MEETING AS AMENDED WITH
CORRECTION.**
- ** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief McCarthy stated that the budget reports were self explanatory as included in the agenda packet and there were no comments or questions.

Fire Station Project Report

Chief McCarthy stated that the project is back on schedule, and all is going well and on track with the budget and on schedule with timing for completion the end of August 2013. He added that this Thursday will begin the construction of steel and the project will soon begin to take on a new look with that phase of development.

Assistant Chief Report

Assistant Chief Reilly presented the Operations Report and written report of notable incidents for May, as follows:

Notable Incident Report – May 2012.

05.03, 10:37: 13 Van Buren Ave., car vs. house. Car hit side of house, knocking two gas meters off their piping and into the basement. FD metered the house for gas and used a hoseline to disperse the gas vapors until the gas company arrived to shut off the gas in the street.

05.03, 20:52, 26 Isaac St., car fire extinguished by FD.

05.04, 19:39, Strawberry Hill Av at Westport Ave., motorcycle accident. FD treated patient and assisted EMS.

05.04, 20:33, 32 Bayne Street, fire in a wall. A smoldering fire started in a knee wall of the second floor of a house. The wiring for a recessed light fixture melted and the fire burned a roof rafter. FD extinguished the fire and removed the light fixture from the ceiling.

05.05, 05:52, Oriole drive, EMS. FD arrived and found patient unresponsive. FD administered CPR. Patient was boarded and packaged for transport to hospital.

05.05, 19:52, Ludlowe Manor, EMS, unconscious person. FD administered oxygen. The patient continued this type of breathing while FD was delivering respirations. The patient then went into cardiac arrest when the paramedics arrived. FD assisted the medics and initiated CPR

05.06, 01:38, 172 Ponus Avenue, MVA. FD found a vehicle off the road into the woods and wedged between a stone wall and a tree. One occupant was still in the vehicle. A gasoline leak from a damaged tank was reduced and nearly contained by FD. FD accessed patient by removing a rear window. Patient was ambulatory with no reported injuries and was assisted out of vehicle via rear window...

05.06, 02:33, 33 Fitch Street, A car hit a house, impacting the gas meter and associated equipment. The operator of the vehicle was out of the vehicle when FD arrived. Severe damage to the gas meter and equipment resulted with an unobstructed flow of natural gas. FD was able to reduce the flow by shutting the gas valve coming up from the riser.

05.07, 14:49, Burnell Boulevard, EMS, difficulty breathing. FD started oxygen and assessed vitals on the patient. After Norwalk EMS arrived on scene the patient went into cardiac arrest and was moved to a long board so CPR could be initiated. FD provided a driver and a second firefighter to assist in the back of the ambulance.

Notable Incidents – continued:

05.13, 16:34, Betmarlea Road, oil in a pond. FD found oil in a pond and placed an absorbent boom in the small stream that feeds into the pond on Little Fox Lane. FD also placed absorbent pads in a pond in the rear of 4 Little Fox Lane. DEEP arrived on scene and assumed control of the incident.

05.16, 20:09, Concord St., EMS, unresponsive person. The patient was found with no pulse. FD initiated CPR prior to EMS arrival. A Truck company was special called to assist with the removal of the patient from the second floor with a stokes basket.

05.20, 15:04, Norwalk harbor EMS. FD Marine Unit 24 was just clearing a previous incident when it received a request for assistance from Naussau County Marine Police, stating that they had placed an officer on a vessel returning to Norwalk Harbor with a passenger who had a head injury. MU 24 responded to meet this vessel at Greens Ledge Light. Boarding wasn't possible so FD accompanied vessel with injured passenger. After the boat tied up to Norwalk Cove Fuel dock, FD assisted Norwalk EMS in treating and stabilizing passenger.

05.23, 15:15, South Main St., EMS, shooting. FD assisted medics with packaging gunshot victim for transport to the hospital.

05.25, 16:45, 197 East Avenue, MVA. One car roll-over that hit the front porch of 197 East Ave. FD stabilized the vehicle and worked with Norwalk EMS on patient care and patient removal from over turned vehicle.

05.25, 10:34, 16 School Street, basement fire. FD used a hoseline to extinguish burning debris on basement stairs.

05.29, 04:26, County Street, EMS, person not breathing. FD administered CPR and assisted EMS.

05.29, 14:34, 125 East Avenue, reported roof fire. An electrical HVAC panel in the rooftop penthouse burned. The fire had self extinguished. FD checked for extension.

05/30, 21:28, Meadow street, EMS, shooting. FD arrived with EMS and assisted with patient packaging/collaring.

EQUIPMENT AND BUILDINGS

The Department purchased five new thermal imaging cameras through an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). All five cameras have been placed in service on apparatus.

Assistant Chief Reilly stated that the report was self explanatory and there were no major fires to report. He noted that the grant for the thermal imaging cameras has been approved and they have added another camera to the five that have been placed in service on apparatus. Commissioner Andreoli stated that receiving this grant is a great accomplishment and Adam Markowitz has been a real asset to the department.

FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT

Fire Marshal Iannaccone presented his report representing a total of nearly 600 units for 413 hours. He noted that there were very busy with many 3-6 family houses done, certificate of occupancy inspections and several varied license inspections, some as a

result of complaints, most were routine and a few were legal. Fire Marshall Iannaccone stated that an additional \$4,250 in fees was collected in May and since the new fees were put in place the total is approaching \$10,000.

SUBJECT: *Fees collected May 2012, for the following services:
Plan Reviews and C of Os, Oil Tank Removal Permits,
Blasting Permits, Hazmat Truck Inspections, Incident Reports,
Site Searches and CD photo files*

<i>Services (May 1st thru 31st, 2012)</i>	<i>Total Fees</i>
<i>Plan Reviews and C of Os</i>	<i>\$4,100.00</i>
<i>Oil Tank Removal Permits, Blasting Permits, Hazmat Vehicle Inspections, Incident Reports, Site Searches and CD photo files</i>	<i>\$ 159.00</i>

Grand Total = \$4,259.00
Emergency Management

Ms. Deluca stated that the program held on June 6 went well and included attendance by the Rowayton Fire Department, King Industries and Red Cross. She added that there was a small group for logistics with Technology Dept. held at the EOC which was well attended and this expansion of the program included a great deal of learning with input from all of the departments involved.

Training Report

Recruit Training

Chief McCarthy stated that there will be a field day at Veteran's Park this weekend and he expects a good turnout. He added that applications for recruits are coming in from all over the area and everything is on line so reports can be generated by gender and ethnicity. He added that there will be four orientation sessions held to review the testing materials in July/August.

Mayor Moccia added that as part of his Summer Youth Employment program he suggested that they contact Darlene Young to inform those age 18 and over with a clean record to apply. It was also suggested that banners over the train bridge along Washington Street be hung as well as display boards put up at City Hall.

UNION PRESIDENT REPORT – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS - There was no report.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no report.

Personnel

Chief McCarthy stated that the Personnel Requests are as follows:

Firefighter Bruce Bento to join the DROP Pension

Firefighter Kevin Gilchrist Sr. - Retirement

Fire Inspector Kosmas Kalmanidis - Returning to Firefighter's Division.

DROP Plan Report (with the addition of Ralph Mercurio), as follows:

Last Name	First Name	PLT	Rank	Date of Hire	Promotion Date	Start Date DROP	End Date DROP	DROP Duration
DiPietro	Alan	0	Assistant Mechanic	04/15/1982	01/25/1999	06/30/2010	06/29/2013	3 years
Malizia	Joseph	1	Firefighter	11/03/1986	11/03/1986	06/04/2012	06/03/2016	4 years
Ragsdale	Alfred	3	Firefighter	11/03/1986	11/03/1986	06/04/2012	06/03/2016	4 years
James	Calvin	2	Firefighter	11/03/1986	11/03/1986	06/04/2012	06/03/2016	4 years
Lozinak	Richard	4	Firefighter	11/03/1986	11/03/1986	06/04/2012	06/03/2016	4 years
Plank	Scott	0	Fire Head Mechanic	11/03/1986	11/03/1986	06/09/2012	06/08/2016	4 years
Bento	Bruce	1	Firefighter	06/09/1988	06/09/1988	06/10/2012	06/09/2016	4 years

Mercurio Ralph (information on file)

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE PERSONNEL REQUESTS**

**** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive Session

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL ITEMS.**

**** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. There was no action taken. The meeting was reconvened back into Public Session at 5:55 p.m.

Adjournment

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COMMISSIONER ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox

Telesco Secretarial Services