

CITY OF NORWALK
FIRE DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

121 CONNECTICUT AVENUE

MAY 19, 2009
5:00P.M.

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

STAFF: Chief Denis McCarthy, Michelle DeLuca, Deputy Director of Emergency Management

OTHERS: Assistant Chief Laurence Reilly; Fire Marshal Glenn Iannaccone

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Andreoli called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting April 21, 2009

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2009 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** MR. COFFEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. ACTION ITEMS

There are no items

3. FIRE CHIEF REPORT

a. 09/10 Budget Report

Chief McCarthy stated that there were no new changes with the budget. He added that there would be a meeting with the Union Executive Board soon. There was a discussion about having a meeting with the Mayor following that. Chief McCarthy asked the Mayor if there was an update on the headworks for the sewer plant. The Mayor said that the DEP wants the City to hire a General Contractor for the job rather than having a project manager.

Chief McCarthy said that a number of grievances have been filed, which will require scheduling a Step Two hearing.

The recruitment for entry level firefighter. The Candidates have until the close of business hours on Friday to apply on-line. The Personnel Department has taken the lead for the on-line applications. There are over 800 application, and 20% appear to be minority candidates. A number of women have applied and as of last Friday, there were 23 women who had submitted applications. Two sessions will be scheduled on the 30th of June and they have until the second week of June to have the physical abilities tests completed. A number of retirements are coming up and there will be a party on June 16th for those retirees. There will be a swearing in ceremony on May 20th. Beginning in September, there will be a number of openings so there will be a new recruitment class.

4. ASSISTANT CHIEF REPORT

a. Operations Report

Assistant Chief Reilly reviewed the activity report and said that Wilton had requested mutual aid during a rather large brush fire. Norwalk sent a truck up to man the station while Wilton took care of the brush fire.

b. Promotional Exams Update

Assistant Chief Reilly said that Deputy Chief Eherlas was working his last shift tonight and will be retiring after more than 30 years on the force. There will be a swearing in ceremony in the near future.

5. FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

a. Summary of Activities

Fire Marshall Iannaccone said that there were no major fires, but there was a fire on a window frame at 9-11 Main Avenue started by smoking material that was dropped from above.

Fire Marshal Iannaccone said that there was a problem with notification from dispatch. Chief McCarthy said that this issue needed to be reported to Lt. Gale.

b. Fire Reports

1. No major fires to report

6. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Michelle said that the table top exercise will be on June 4th. A secured website has been set up for the emergency management team to see how it works. Work is continuing with the Board of Education. A meeting with Dr. Corda, Dr. Cook and Mr. Gorian has taken place and a template is being developed for each of the three levels of schools. Later school specific information will be added.

7. TRAINING REPORT

The training funding is currently under the Mayor's control and there are some training classes that the Fire Marshal's office needs to maintain their certification. The Mayor said that he was aware of this.

8. UNION PRESIDENT REPORT

The Fire Department/Police Department Blood Drive will continue until Thursday. The golf tournament is scheduled for next Thursday.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Combined Dispatch

Chief McCarthy said that he provided to the Police Department an outline for the quality assurance. He said that the Police Department needs to be proactive when problems arrive. If the Police Department is reviewing the call takers portion and then the dispatch portion separately. Chief McCarthy then reviewed a recent explosion at Lajoie's where a caller asked if the Fire Department was notified and was told that FD had been notified. However, this is not the case. The Mayor said that all the protocols should be followed and all the appropriate parties notified.

There was a complaint about the Webster Street parking lot recently when the Washington Street gate was stuck. There was a lengthy delay to exit the parking lot after two movies finished at the same time. The caller claimed that this could have been an emergency situation. The Mayor said that if it had been an emergency, the gate would have been lifted. Discussion the followed. .

10. NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Chief Reilly said there had been accident on Rt. 25 where an 18 yr old nephew of Police Officer Bill Curwen was killed. Two Norwalk firefighters happened upon the scene and rendered some assistance until the Trumbull Fire Department arrived. The Mayor said that the Fire Commissioners wish to express their deepest sympathy to the Curwen family.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL

a. Grievances

1. Daniel Stewart
2. Andre Williams

**** MR. COFFEY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES.**

**** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Board entered in to executive session to discuss Personnel Issues at 5:28 p.m. and returned to public session at _____.

ADJOURNMENT

**** _____ MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** _____ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at _____.

Respectfully submitted,

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Telesco Secretarial Services

