

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MAY 15, 2012**

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

STAFF: Denis McCarthy, Fire Chief, Norwalk Fire Department;
Michael Coffee;

Lawrence Reilly, 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: APRIL 17, 2012 MEETING

- ** MAYOR MOCCIA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE
APRIL 17, 2012 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief McCarthy stated that the 2012-13 budget is a very lean budget as are all other City Departments. Regarding 2011-12, there are overages due to long term absences and additional expenses with annual physicals that had not been cleared, but due to the under budget in salaries this should even out. He stated that they are hoping that the absences can be trimmed down for the 12-13 budget. Regarding the potential surplus, he is hoping to have a transfer to purchase cars need for the Fire Marshalls.

Mayor Moccia noted that in view of the Board of Education shortfall, the impact on upcoming year will be the toughest budget years that the City has faced.

FIRE STATION PROJECT REPORT

Chief McCarthy stated that the project is back on schedule, with June 14 being in the ground. He stated that there have been good decisions and value engineering to keep the project on budget and on schedule with timing, and he met with the construction manager who expects the proposed ribbon cutting will be end of August 2013.

Chief added that there is a budget overage in Station 4 and he will be meeting with Tom Hamilton and the Mayor to make some modifications. He stated that the new building will make a very usable size operation and much more convenient to have things on one floor.

Assistant Chief Report

Assistant Chief Reilly presented the written report of notable incidents for April, as follows:

NOTABLE INCIDENTS

04.02, 21:21, Harborview Avenue, EMS, cardiac arrest. FD personnel administered CPR and used AED to analyze patient. FD also assisted EMS when they arrived, and in the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

04.05, 07:48, 100 Westport Avenue, fuel spill. A tractor trailer ruptured a saddle tank, spilling approximately 800 gallons on the ground. FD used absorbent pads and booms to contain spill until DEP arrived on scene.

04.06, 17:45, Nolan Street at Tracy Street, car fire. FD extinguished an engine compartment fire in an SUV.

04.06, 20:21, 14 Canfield Avenue, structure fire. FD units were dispatched to a fire alarm at the building and on arrival saw flames through a fire floor window. Firefighters entered the building and extinguished a small fire that had started in a wastepaper basket.

04.07, 08:53, Oriole Drive, EMS, cardiac arrest. FD personnel administered CPR and assisted EMS on their arrival.

04.10, 4 Merritt Street, EMS, cardiac arrest. FD and PD administered CPR to a resident who was in cardiac arrest.

04.11, 12:41, Town of New Canaan, mutual aid. Norwalk FD personnel responded to a working structure fire in New Canaan at the request of their fire department.

04.12, 12:11, Town of Fairfield, hazardous materials incident. Norwalk FD members of the Fairfield County Hazardous Incident Response Team (FCHIRT) responded to that town with Haz-Mat 2 for a chemical reaction at a metal finishing facility.

04.12, 12:39, 44 Allview Avenue, car fire. FD personnel used an 1 ¾" hose line to extinguish a fire in the engine compartment of a car.

04.14, 00:32, 327 Main Avenue, car v. motorcycle. FD personnel assisted EMS in boarding and collaring motorcycle operator for transport to Norwalk Hospital. FD also provided lighting at the scene for Norwalk PD's investigation.

04.14, 14:22, 160 Grumman Avenue, brush fire. FD used an 1 ¾" hoseline to extinguish a brush fire that had spread to some stockade fencing.

Notable Incidents – continued.

04.16, 18:46, New Canaan Avenue, EMS, cardiac arrest. Norwalk FD personnel administered CPR until Norwalk EMS arrived, and then assisted EMS in the ambulance en-route to the hospital.

04.19, Lowe Street, 12:05, EMS, possible stroke. FD personnel administered CPR and assisted EMS on the way to the hospital.

04.19, 15:36, 632 Main Avenue, car v. motorcycle. Upon FD arrival, bystanders were performing CPR on the motorcycle operator. FD assisted EMS with packaging victim for transport to Norwalk Hospital. FD also assisted EMS in the ambulance en route to the hospital.

04.21, 0150, I-95 between Exit 16 and 17, MVA with injuries and extrication. FD personnel, along with Westport FD units responded to four separate accidents in that area of the highway. All of the accidents involved extrication of occupants from vehicles.

04.21, 1831, 3 Testa Place, brush fire. FD personnel extinguished a brush fire that had spread to wood pallets and stacks of lumber.

04.29, 11:47, Town of Wilton, mutual aid. Station 1 responded to a request from the Wilton Fire Department to assist them at the scene of a major fire in condo complex. Five other towns responded to the fire as well.

04.29, 18:55, 9 Hillwood Place, electrical fire in the basement caused by an arcing wire., FD extinguished with a dry chemical extinguisher.

Assistant Chief Reilly discussed the four major accidents on April 21 on I-95 that closed the highway completely. He noted that the major fires of April 6 and 29, and stated that the one at Shore Haven was caught in time due to the alarm system and that a disaster was avoided. Mr. Iannaccone added that the cause was determined to be spontaneous combustion that most likely caused by improper disposal of a rag from staining near the trash.

FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT

Fire Marshal Iannaccone presented his report representing a total of nearly 300 units for 234 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 done stemming from complaints, and there were several public education inspections conducted.

Fire Marshall Iannaccone stated that the proposed fee structure has been in place since April 1 and in just 30 days over \$4,000 has been collected, as

<i>Services (April 2nd thru 30th, 2012)</i>	<i>Total Fees</i>
<i>Plan Reviews and C of Os</i>	<i>\$3,450.00</i>
<i>Oil Tank Removal Permits, Blasting Permits, Hazmat Vehicle Inspections, Incident Reports, Site Searches and CD photo files</i>	<i>\$ 566.50</i>

follows.

Grand Total = \$4,016.50

Emergency Management

Ms. Deluca stated that there is a program in preparation for June 6 for table top discussions on emergency preparedness that has been developed with input from all of the departments involved.

Training Report

Recruit Training

Chief McCarthy stated that he has been working on a city-wide calendar covering the five stations per shift along with working on developing lesson plans for specific topics such as better documentation. Chief McCarthy added that Broderick Sawyer will do recruitment, and Todd will handle logistics and working on the contract with Personnel, and details of running the test.

UNION PRESIDENT REPORT

The Union President was not present. There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no report.

12. PERSONNEL

- a. Firefighter John O'Donnell Retro-Active for Disability Pension
- b. Firefighter Joseph Malizia joining the DROP Pension
- c. Firefighter Alfred Ragsdale joining the DROP Pension
- d. Firefighter Calvin James joining the DROP Pension
- e. Firefighter Scott Plank joining the DROP Pension

Chief McCarthy stated that the request for Firefighter John O'Donnell Retro-Active for Disability Pension had been tabled and is now requested to be withdrawn from the requests.

Chief McCarthy stated that paperwork was here for signature for the above listed DROP Pensions:

- ** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE REQUESTS TO JOIN THE DROP PENSION PROGRAM.**
- ** 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

- ** COMMISSIONER COFFEE MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox
Telesco Secretarial Services