

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 17, 2012**

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

STAFF: Denis McCarthy, Fire Chief, Norwalk Fire Department;
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: FEBRUARY 21, 2012 MEETING

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE
FEBRUARY 21, 2012 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.
** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief McCarthy presented the budget reports and 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 injuries and additional expenses with annual physicals that had not cleared, but due to the under budget in salaries this should even out and everything is on target for the current year with a slight surplus versus the budget. Regarding the surplus, he is hoping to have a transfer to replace funds needed in advertising

Mayor Moccia noted that the upcoming year will be again one of the toughest budget years due to the increased health care costs and pension contribution requirements.

FIRE STATION PROJECT REPORT

Chief McCarthy stated that the project is about three weeks behind in demolition, but this will be made up when steel is back on schedule. He added that he met with the construction manager who expects the proposed ribbon cutting will be end of August 2013.

Assistant Chief Report

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

03.06, 1232: 14 Gregory Boulevard, house fire. A fire that started in the second floor porch and spread into the walls was extinguished by firefighters. Firefighter Jack Kelly sustained a concussion and was transported to Norwalk Hospital after being hit in the side of the head with a prying tool.

03.10, 01:36, Perry Avenue, MVA, rollover. No injuries. FD used Speedi-Dri to control spilled fluids from car.

03.15, 04:25, Rockland rd., EMS, FD performed CPR on victim and assisted in the ambulance en-route to Norwalk Hospital.

03.16, 18:29, 542 Westport Avenue, MVA. A car hit a fence and was hanging over a stone wall that overlooked a parking lot 10 feet below. Driver was out of the car on arrival. FD stood by while wrecker removed car from wall.

03.18, 08:05, I-95 southbound, MVA. One car rollover, driver was out of vehicle. FD treated the driver and assisted EMS.

03.18, 08:09, Strawberry Hill Avenue, EMS, respiratory arrest, FD administered CPR.

03.18, 09:38, Route 7 Connector, car fire, extinguished by FD.

03.19, 15:00, 337 Westport Avenue, MVA, car hit storefront. Car drove through front window of business, hitting employee sitting at her desk. FD treated employee until EMS arrived.

03.24, 19:56, County Street, EMS, shooting. FD and EMS treated gunshot wound victim.

03.25, 02:05, Spring Hill & Riverside Avenues, MVA, rollover. Driver out of vehicle on arrival, FD assisted EMS.

03.26, 16:57, Comstock Hill Road, shed fire. A downed live wire started two small brush fires which spread to a tool shed and a pickup truck parked next to the shed. Extremely windy conditions contributed to the spread of the fire.

03.27, 1728, Scott Street, EMS, man down. FD found male patient face down in a yard. EMS pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

Notable Incidents – continued.

03.28, 00:23, Vollmer Avenue, EMS, unresponsive. FD administered CPR.

03.28, 08:53, Merritt Parkway, MVA. Rollover, car on its roof. The driver's hand was caught under the windshield (the car had a T-top). FD stabilized the car and lifted the car off the driver's hand using air bags.

03.28, 13:45, 40 Meadow street, structure fire. Large fire in machine room for car shredder caught fire. FD used two master streams to knock down fire before completing extinguishment the fire with hose lines. All Norwalk fire companies operating at scene along with Stamford truck company. Westport, New Canaan and Rowayton covered Norwalk stations.

03.30, 08:11, Merritt Street, EMS, man down, FD administered CPR.

03.31, 06:45, Oak Street, cardiac arrest, FD administered CPR.

03.31, 0800, Ingalls Avenue, cardiac arrest, FD administered CPR.

03.31, 15:41, 36 Meadow St., rubbish fire. Waste materials in a Tractor trailer carrying construction debris caught fire, extinguished by FD.

Assistant Chief Reilly highlighted the major fires of March 6 and March 28, and stated that the one at Gregory Blvd. was most likely caused by careless smoking. He stated that the most significant incident was the fire at LaJoie's and that the reason for the fire would be covered under the Fire Marshal's report.

Mayor Moccia asked that an incident be noted where there was a rescue of kayakers with the police boat. He stated that he has requested an investigation of potential reckless endangerment charges as there were two youths involved with no life jackets in the cold waters.

FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT

Summary of Activities

Fire Marshal Iannaccone presented his report representing a total of 470 units for over 315 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 following the investigation, it was determined that the cause was oil line on the engine that came loose and sprayed oil onto the exhaust manifold which ignited the oil. He added that diesel fuel was also involved, which added to the magnitude of the blaze.

Fire Marshall Fee Structure

Fire Marshall Iannaccone stated that the proposed fee structure has been in place since April 1 and in just 17 days over \$1,500 has been collected. He added that while this goes to the General Fund, he would like to have a percentage go towards public communications and education.

Mayor Moccia replied that he would ask Mr. Hamilton if a percentage of the fees collected could go into a reserve for special transfer to the Fire Department budget.

Emergency Management

Ms. Deluca stated that they have worked out a process with the state regarding the EOC grant and noted that they will keep a track and try to get reimbursements over time.

She added that there is usually a program in preparation for the fall hurricane season and that June 6 is a tentative date, with more information to follow.

Training Report

Recruit Training

Chief McCarthy stated that Todd Smith could not be here and he presented his report. He 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 as part of the ISO rating, better documentation of training by each company is required and should be standardized so he can see what has been covered, somewhat of a check list. He added that Todd will be working with Broderick Sawyer who 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.

PERSONNEL

- a. Firefighter John O'Donnell Retro-Active for Disability Pension

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO TABLE THE ABOVE PENSION REQUEST
DUE TO A TECHNICALITY AND INFORMATION DISCREPANCY.
** MS. ANDREOLI SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Firefighter Joseph Malizia joining the DROP Pension

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE PENSION REQUEST
FOR JOSEPH MALIZIA TO JOIN THE DROP PENSION PROGRAM SUBJECT
TO PROOF OF SUBMISSION AND REVIEW OF PAPERWORK.
** 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