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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

NORWALK FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY HALL, ROOM 231

FEBRUARY 17, 2009
7:00P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Carol Andreoli, Chair; Michael Coffey
STAFF: Fire Chief Denis McCarthy, Norwalk Fire Department
OTHERS: Atty. Saranne P. Murray, Shipman & Goodwin, LLP, Atty.
Robert Maslan, Corporation Counsel; Andre Williams,

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andreoli called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Commissioner Coffey thanked everyone for their patience as he was delayed arriving to the meeting.

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- a. Regular Meeting December 16, 2008

**** COMMISSIONER COFFEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR DECEMBER 16, 2008.**

**** CHAIRWOMAN ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. **PERSONNEL**

Captain William Stenger Drop Pension

Commissioner Coffey said that he would like to thank Capt. Stenger and Lt. Foley for their years of services. He added that due to the cancellation of the January Fire Commission meeting, the Pensions would be retroactive to January.

**** COMMISSIONER COFFEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP PENSION REQUEST FOR CAPT. WILLIAM STENGER RETROACTIVE TO THE JANUARY MEETING .**

**** CHAIR WOMAN ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Lieutenant Michael Foley Drop Pension

**** COMMISSIONER COFFEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP PENSION REQUEST FOR LT. FOLEY RETROACTIVE TO THE JANUARY MEETING.**

**** CHAIR WOMAN ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. FF Andre Williams

**** COMMISSIONER COFFEY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES WITH THE COMMISSION, FIRE FIGHTER WILLIAMS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVE, FIRE CHIEF DENIS MCCARTHY, ATTY. MASLAN AND ATTY. MURRAY.**

**** CHAIR WOMAN ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Commission, with Fire Fighter Williams, and his representatives, Fire Chief McCarthy, Atty. Maslan, and Atty. Murray entered into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. The Commission returned to public session at 8:48 p.m. with no action was taken during the Executive Session.

**** COMMISSIONER COFFEY MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT OF FIRE FIGHTER ANDRE WILLIAMS.**

**** CHAIRWOMAN ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Commissioner Coffey said that this was a tragic situation and that everyone who had given testimony had spoken glowingly about Mr. Williams. However, based on the documents before the Commission, the agreement states in Section 4 that Mr. Williams would successfully complete his rehabilitation in a timely manner and satisfy the Court, along with the provisions and requirements in Sections 7 & 8. This was not done.

**** COMMISSIONER COFFEY MOVED TO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF FIREFIGHTER ANDRE WILLIAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT BASED ON THE EVIDENCE BEFORE THE COMMISSION.**

Chairwoman Andreoli commented this was one of the hardest things for the Commission.

**** CHAIRWOMAN ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER COFFEY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** CHAIRWOMAN ANDREOLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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