

CITY OF NORWALK
FIRE DEPARTMENT



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REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Carol Andrelio, Chair; Mayor Richard A. Moccia, Michael Coffey (5:12 p.m.)

STAFF: Fire Chief Denis McCarthy, Asst. Fire Chief Lawrence Reilly, Michelle DeLuca, Deputy Director of Emergency Management; Fire Marshal Glenn Iannaccone

CALL TO ORDER

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

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief McCarthy gave the Commissioners an updated on the plans for the new fire station.

The discussion then moved to the sewage treatment plant. It appears that the Fire Department training grounds will be accommodated in the process. There are some additional issues regarding access to the training facility following the completion of construction.

Mr. Coffey joined the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Fire Chief McCarthy explained that he had received the instructions regarding the upcoming budget and that all the departments had been instructed to budget no more than the pro forma.

ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

Asst. Chief Reilly said that work is starting on planning for a new aerial truck. He said that the diesel emissions rating would be changing. A design would have to be approved before the end of the calendar year.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

Summary of Activities – Fire Marshal Iannaccone reviewed the statistics in the information packet with the Commissioners.

Fire Reports - Fire Marshal Iannaccone then reviewed the details of the Grand Street fire.

Open House - Fire Marshal Iannaccone said that the Open House went well and was well attending.

Inspector Sawyer will be the new public educator. Inspector Sawyer and Ms. DeLuca are working on a grant application for next year.

Chief McCarthy said that one of the Fire Marshals is retiring and the Department is working on advertising the test. There is also another potential retirement to also consider.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Volunteer Program - Ms. DeLuca said that there were about 30 residents who had gone through the volunteer training program. A mailing is going out to houses of worship and civic groups to get them involved.

Storm Ready - She also announced that Norwalk has become an official storm ready community.

Black Friday Program - Ms. DeLuca said there has been several conversations with major retailers about Black Friday and holiday safety. Fire Marshal Iannaccone asked if the retailers could bring the square footage so that he could figure the

TRAINING REPORT

Deputy Chief Prescott distributed a report outlining the highlights of the training classes. He added that there had been some cooperative training between the Fire Department and Marisa staff. An ongoing effort is coordinating the training for all the companies. An operations manual will be developed. Chief McCarthy pointed out that having the safety officer living in town means that the training officer can respond and be on site quicker than other officers.

The Mayor asked about the flooding that occurred on Sunday morning. Chief McCarthy

said that he and Ms. DeLuca had toured different parts of town. The original predictions were for moderate flooding and the depth of the water was under that by at least one foot.

UNION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There were no issues to discuss and the Union President was not present.

NEW BUSINESS

The State has contracted for a Reverse 911 system and the City will let its current provider expire. The discussion then moved to the details and items that need to be clarified.

PERSONNEL

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES.**

**** MR. COFFEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commissioners, Fire Chief McCarthy and Assistant Chief Reilly entered into Executive Session at 5:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. COFFEY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MAYOR MOCCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
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