

FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 25, 2019

Commissioners Present: Chairman Leonardi, Vice Chairman Delucia, Commissioner Natri, Commissioner DePalma, Commissioner Verderame

Staff Present: Chief Marcarelli

The Regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 7:31 pm.

A roll call was taken and a quorum declared.

Minutes:

A motion was made to not vote on approval of minutes due to Commissioners not receiving previous month's minutes, by Comm. Natri and seconded by Comm. DePalma

Motion Carried

Unanimous

Reports:

Chief summarized the Chief's report for the month.

Chief updated Commission on personnel matters, Probationary Firefighters continue to meet their first year benchmarks.

Firefighter Sourant has received Medical Authorization to function as a Paramedic.

Also, there are two members out on injury.

Chairman Leonardi questioned if we have time to conduct a test again.

Chief answered everything should be wrapped up by July. In order to send candidates to the Academy for the next class.

Comm. Natri questioned about the Cell phone notifications, how does it work and that the Commissioners should download it to keep updated.

Chief explained radio pagers are low grade, wants to expand to computer based program.

Commissioners are encouraged to download the app on their phone.

Comm. Verderame questioned how many volunteers download this app on their phone.

All volunteers that can download this app are encouraged to download this app.

There will need to be a new test given, Chief has been in contact with the Civil Service office to get this on their agenda.

Comm. Nastri questioned about the candidates still on the list. Chief explained that most have already gotten jobs since the last test, and a few may no longer be interested. Chief also explained that most of the other Departments are having the same issue.

Comm. Nastri also questioned if individuals have to be Paramedics would sending them to school help solve this problem. Chief answered sending the individual to school is not cost effective, paying salary while at class, paying overtime to cover shift, just not a good idea to hire non-paramedic.

Comm. Depalma questioned about Firefighters retiring, is it still going to be a problem to have EMT's ride the trucks in the future?

Chief mentioned that EMT's now ride the trucks as well.

Chairman Leonardi questioned if the Lateral move from other departments is still effective. Can we advertise this again.

Chief answered that this is an ongoing region wide impact that the need of Paramedics is great.

Comm. Nastri stated we may need to look into the option of hiring and look into sending individual to Paramedic School and list it in budget.

A motion was made to accept the report as presented by Comm. Depalma and seconded by Chairman Leonardi

Motion Carried Unanimous

Chief summarized the Asst. Chief's report for the month.

A motion was made to accept the report as presented by Comm. Nastri and seconded by Comm. Delucia

Motion Carried Unanimous

Fire Marshal's Report: Chief summarized the Fire Marshal's report for the month.

A motion was made by Comm. Depalma and seconded by Chairman Leonardi.

Motion Carried Unanimous

Training Officers Report: Chief has included the Training Officers report in his monthly report.

Communications:

None presented this evening.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business presented this evening.

New Business:

Chief wanted to make the Commission aware that Retired Chief George Hennessey passed away. The calling hours will be Tuesday 3-7 pm at Clancy's Funeral Home. Service will be Wednesday. Chief requested permission to order flowers on behalf of the Fire Commission.

A motion was made by Comm. Depalma to order Flowers for Chief Hennessey's service from Fire Commission. Seconded by Comm. Delucia

Motion Carried

Unanimous

Public Session:

There was no public session this evening

Executive Session:

There was no need for Executive Session this evening.

Adjournment:

Comm. Depalma made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Chairman Leonardi seconded.

Motion Carried

Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Apuzzo
Recording Secretary