

**FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2021
VIA ZOOM/BRADFORD MANOR FIREHOUSE**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Delucia, Vice Chairman Verderame, Commissioner Coyle, Commissioner Leonardi via Zoom, Commissioner DePalma

Staff Present: Chief Marcarelli

The Regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 7:37 pm.

A roll call was taken and a quorum declared.

Minutes:

A motion was made to accept the previous meetings minutes as presented by Comm. Verderame and seconded by Comm. Coyle

Motion Carried

Unanimous

Reports:

The Chief summarized the monthly report. Mentioned there was a structure fire on Redwood Drive, reported no injuries and that the Department did a fantastic job fighting the fire under the weather circumstances. Also mentioned the mutual aid from North Haven, North Branford, New Haven, and Branford at the scene and with Station Coverage.

Personnel: Some personnel have been quarantined due to Covid exposure, or a positive test.

Mentioned that the Candidate who was offered employment during the last meeting was deployed and could possibly be trained in the spring.

Chief also mentioned there are 7 vacancies. If the Captains test goes forward there will be 4 more vacancies. The Captains test had to be postponed due to Covid. A new date has not been set up yet. Also mentioned there needs to be a FF/EMT test that needs to be set up, but only after the Paramedic/FF test is held. All on hold at the moment due to Covid.

Chief also mentioned that FF Ralph Spaduzzi submitted his paperwork for retirement. The retirement date is January 26, 2021.

Also mentioned that BC Robert Celentano also submitted his paperwork for retirement, his retirement took affect on January 16, 2021.

Fire Marshal and Training Officers report is attached with the Chief's Report.

Asst. Chief Licata summarized his report. Mentioned he is the Covid Liaison and is handling the complaints on Businesses not complying with restrictions.

Any questions on either report? All Commissioners stated there were none.

A motion was made to accept the Chiefs Report as presented by Comm. Verderame and seconded by Comm. Coyle.

Motion Carried Unanimous

A motion was made to accept the Asst. Chief's report as presented by Comm. Coyle and seconded by Comm. Verderame.

Motion Carried Unanimous

Communications:

There were no communications presented this evening

Unfinished Business:

Captains Test status mentioned in the Chiefs Report Test Postponed due to Covid quarantine

Comm. Verderame did ask how many applications were submitted for the Captains Test. Chief answered 7-10 he believes, but with promotions that could change.

New:

Recruit Training Chief did mention running our own class in town, will save on Tuition at the State level.

Comm. Coyle questioned if the literal transfers recruits will have to take class. Chief answered No

Retirements:

A motion was made to accept the Retirement of BC Robert Celentano as of January 16, 2021 by Comm. Leonardi and seconded by Comm. Verderame.

Motion Carried Unanimous

A motion was made to accept the Retirement of FF Ralph Spaduzzi as of January 26, 2021 by Comm. Leonardi and seconded by Comm. Coyle.

Motion Carried Unanimous

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Comm. Verderame to adjourn into Executive Session and seconded by Comm. Coyle to include the Chief and Asst. Chief to discuss possible Promotion to Battalion Chief.

Motion Carried

Unanimous

Meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

A motion was made to reconvene the meeting into regular session by Comm. Verderame and seconded by Comm. Coyle.

Motion Carried

Unanimous

Meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Comm. Verderame to promote FF Brian Kolmer to Battalion Chief and seconded by Comm. Coyle.

Motion Carried

Unanimous

Adjournment:

Commissioner Verderame made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Coyle seconded.

Motion Carried

Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Apuzzo
Recording Secretary