

**FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 28, 2020
VIA ZOOM**

Commissioners Present: Vice Chairman Verderame, Commissioner Coyle, Commissioner Leonardi, Commissioner DePalma

Staff Present: Chief Marcarelli

The Regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 7:36 pm.

A roll call was taken and a quorum declared.

Minutes:

A motion was made to accept the previous meeting minutes by Comm. DePalma and Commissioner Leonardi seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimous

Reports:

Chief's Report: Chief Summarized
Report attached.

A motion was made by Comm. Leonardi to accept the Chief's Report as presented and seconded by Commissioner DePalma.

Motion Carried Unanimous

Asst. Chief's Report: Asst. Chief Summarized
Report Attached

A motion was made by Comm. Leonardi to accept the Asst. Chief's Report as presented and Seconded by Comm. DePalma

Motion Carried Unanimous

Fire Marshal's Report and Training Officers Report are included in Chief's report activity log.

Commissioner Leonardi requested both reports be emailed to the Commission. Chief responded he would forward to Recording Secretary to record and forward.

Commissioner Verderame questioned how many sets of protective clothing can we by? Chief explained he is ordering as many as he can.

Commissioner Coyle questioned how many active volunteers are there? Chief did some research and answered 19 as of today.

Communications:

There were no communications presented this evening.

Unfinished Business:

Training Officer Test, Jan. 4 is the closing date for the applications to be submitted, possible dates to test, Jan. 15 and 25

A question was brought up asking how many years of service does someone have to have to take the test? Chief answered 8 years of service.

A question of how many applicants? Chief answered he is not aware of how many as of this evening.

Fire Marshal, 2 applications were received, both qualified. February Meeting may be the time to discuss, interview and hire/promote. Should be done before the next class starts.

A question of who is qualified? Chief answered B.C. Celentano and the Asst. Chief are qualified.

Commissioner Coyle commended the Department on the excellent work at the Green Garden Condo fire, also thanks Branford for the mutual aid. Chief did mention there was a injury at that fire.

Captains Test: Possible test late January, early February, it will be a very busy couple of months for meetings and interviews.

Entry Level Position: Tentative agreement with Local 1205 to hire EMT's, since Paramedics are not applying, as long as there are 20 medics on the Department the union agrees. Civil Service also approved the lateral position and EMT position.

A question was presented will Volunteers receive extra points for Volunteering or for Residence? Chief did mention the Tax abatement, but not points for either volunteering or residence.

Commissioner Coyle questioned when is the next test? Chief answered due to possible remote testing and the logistics of the testing he is not sure, Civil Service is working on this. Interviews should be held next meeting.

New Business:

None

Retirements:

A motion was made to accept the retirement of Wayne Palmer was made by Comm. DePalma and seconded by Comm. Coyle.

Motion Carried Unanimous

A motion was made to accept the retirement of Leo Calanico by Comm. DePalma and seconded by Comm. Coyle.

Motion Carried Unanimous

A motion was made to accept the retirement of Deputy Chief Norwood by Comm. DePalma and seconded by Comm. Leonardi.

Motion Carried Unanimous

A motion was made to accept the retirement of Fire Marshal Mark Nimons by Comm. DePalma and seconded by Comm. Leonardi.

Motion Carried Unanimous

Vice Chairman Verderame did say with all these retirements within the Department it is a huge loss. Congratulations to all, and best wishes.

Public Session:

There were no Public Comments this evening

Further Business:

No further business presented this evening.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Leonardi made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner DePalma seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Apuzzo
Recording Secretary