

## MINUTES OF BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 27, 2024 – 5:03 p.m.

Fire Department Headquarters

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Robert Massey, Jr., Commissioners Ahern, LaCroix and Fox,. Also present was Chief Mahoney and Assistant Chief Brian Koczak.

Motion made by Commissioner Fox to approve the meeting minutes of May 23, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Personnel – Commissioner Massey reported that one firefighter is on light duty and one fire fighter is on long-term injury leave. Chief Mahoney reported that the firefighter that is on long-term injury will be returning to light duty after July 1.

Finance – Commissioner Massey reported that the repairs and maintenance account is overdrawn by \$30,313 due to the increase in major vehicles and apparatus repairs and inflation. The budget shortfalls should be able to be covered by transferring money within the department budget. The June Regional Water Authority invoice will be the determining factor.

Training – Chief Mahoney stated that the department and volunteer staff are keeping up with the regular training calendar. They have been working with Company 5 to conduct a full on the water firefighting drill. They are also participating in grant funded classes.

Apparatus – Commissioner LaCroix reported that there are 13 repairs in progress and 75 pending work orders. They have completed a total of 249 work orders so far this year. Engine 9 is out of service. Chief Mahoney reported that the new Engine 1 is not expected until 2025. The ambulance remount is expected to be in Connecticut in the second week of July and will go to Eastford for the remaining work. The new ambulance is still on order with no expected date for delivery.

EMS – Commissioner Fox reported that the YTD ambulance revenue is \$2,336,118. There have been 5,247 incidents from July 1, 2024 through June 25, 2024. 3,797 transports to area hospitals.

Buildings – Chief Mahoney reported that they are investigating the possibility of adding a slide to the Indian Neck Station to safely and quickly allow personnel to get downstairs. It's very preliminary. Plans for the additional station on Acorn Road is still moving forward. The fueling station is still in progress.

Pensions and Communications – Commissioner's Clem records have been delivered to the Chief's office.

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Chief's Report – Chief Mahoney reported that there have been 6,748 calls for service from July 1 to June 25, 2024 averaging 18.6 calls per day. Friday was the busiest day. The department hosted three interns from BHS this year. We received positive feedback, all of whom are considering careers in public safety. Administrative staff have been preparing for the upcoming budget year and hiring of 16 new ETM's this includes finalizing an MOA with the firefighter's union. Hopefully this will be completed by August. The promotional exam for Captain will be announced on July 1. Mission CIT has been hired to manage the testing process. The second round of grant-funded technical rescue classes has been completed. They just finished the rope training class with 41 members certified. They received the second reimbursement for FEMA. Staff supported the festival, fireworks and road race with no major incidents. The department assisted with a major brush fire in East Haven.

Assistant Chief's report – Assistant Chief Koczak reiterated that the BHS internship program this year went well and was well received. The implementation of the 16 new hires includes the development of a working spreadsheet as a tracking document including goals and targets to ensure that nothing is missed. Conducting focus groups with each division to anticipate any challenges that they may encounter to be proactive.

Old Business – none.

New Business:

Commissioner Ahern read the resolution concerning dissolving Indian Neck Pine Orchard Volunteer Company 9. Motion made by Commissioner Ahern to approve the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous

Motion made by Commissioner Lacroix to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trista Milici, Clerk