

# City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown

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## CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE COMMISSIONERS ALLINGTOWN

Board of Fire Commissioners

July 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

No Public Session

(Your input is greatly appreciated; feel free to email the board with any questions or concerns)

### AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of June 1, 2021 meeting minutes.
4. Public Session: None
5. Finance  
Invoices
6. Communications
7. Report of Chief
8. Report of Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal
9. Old Business  
Headquarters Issues  
Firehouse Study  
SAFER Grant (Safer for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response)  
Testing
10. New Business
11. Executive Session.  
Vacation and Sick Time  
Personnel Issues

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CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT ALLINGTOWN  
July 6, 2021  
Minutes

A Meeting of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown was held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Present were Commissioners Iris Diaz, Troy Tappin, Paul Sikorski, Andrea Palumbo and Frederick Brown. Also present was Chief Terenzio, Deputy Chief Esposito.

Commissioner Diaz called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Business Manager Brooks called the roll and declared a quorum.

3. Approval of June 1, 2021 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to accept the minutes from June 1, 2021 meeting with one correction, Acting Chief Esposito should be Deputy Chief Esposito, seconded by Commissioner Sikorski and approved. Commissioner Palumbo abstained because she was absent from the June meeting.

4. Public Session NONE

Commissioner Diaz stated that if we have to continue holding our meetings practicing social distancing then we would accept any comments or questions from the public. They can email them to us and they can also call the office during business hours with any concerns.

5. Finance: Reviewed and accepted the list of processed invoices for June. Business Manager Brooks explained the progress made with Retiree John Amendola (Contract from July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2017) with the insurance when one of the retirees reaches 65 and goes on Medicare. This has been brought to Beth Sabo and she has agreed with having them sign up for Medicare Parts A and B. The City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown would then reimburse them for Part B. This would be done on a quarterly basis. They would then get Plan F from the city as their secondary coverage. They would also get vision and dental as in their contract at this time. Business Manager Brooks has contacted Anthem Blue Cross and has gotten prices on the cost of this as well. Beth thought these were very good prices. Language has been drawn up to specify this. I want to attach this language to their contract so in the future this can continue to be done for this group of retirees. This would be a cost savings for the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown and a very good plan for the retirees. I am going to reach out to the older or other retirees that retired before this contract as well to see if they are interested in making this change. There was a brief discussion on this matter. Commissioner Brown made a motion to accept the language as written and continue reaching out to the other retirees to accomplish this transition, seconded by Commissioner Diaz.

6. Communications: Commissioner None

7. Report of the Chief: Chief Terenzio gave verbal and written report for June which will be kept on file. Chief Terenzio spoke about a fire at 119 Admiral Street. The back of the house was on fire when he arrived. He stated what a great job everyone did in getting this under control. We had mutual aid and both Chief's from the other two districts came to lend a hand. All the firefighters came together and worked well to get the job done. It could have been much worse if it had happened at night.

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

Chief Terenzio spoke about the ordering of the new truck. We have been working with the other two districts to try to order a few trucks over the next few years. By doing this we might be able to get a better price. This way we go to a single vendor which is what the MARB is looking for us to do. However, we have communicated with the city and we have to still go with the most reasonable bidder. We can go through the HGAC but we still have to watch the prices.

8. Report of Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal: Deputy Chief Esposito gave verbal and written reports for June. Written reports will be kept on file.  
Deputy Chief Esposito explained the prices to run a captains exam. They would be from \$2,600 to \$3,600. This takes a few months to do. You have to give the men a few months to study. It's an involved test. Commissioner Diaz replied to go ahead. We all agreed to this last month so you can continue with the process.
9. Old Business: Headquarters Issues- Chief Terenzio stated the front upper right corner has been fixed and looks nice. Deputy Chief Esposito stated that we have heard that the city would like us to vacate the building. However, we have no place to go. We need a large place to put all three floors of stuff in, not just a few offices. Chief Carew was not happy that no one notified him either. Commissioner Diaz asked who was telling us that. Deputy Chief Esposito explained that he has heard it from Doug Colter and then he had a meeting with Representative DiMassa and Lee Tiernan made mention of us vacating the building in the near future. A brief discussion followed. Commissioner Diaz stated that she would get in touch with the city to see what's going on and that we would like to be informed on decisions like this. We need to know what's going on.

Firehouse Study-Deputy Chief Esposito explained this is right now. We have to wait to see what UNH's decision is, if they want to be a part of this or not. There is a meeting planned for July 14<sup>th</sup> with UNH and maybe we will know what they want to do. Whatever the outcome of the meeting is, we can then continue to move forward with this project.

SAFER Grant (Safer for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response) – Chief Terenzio explained that we had been contacted to supply some additional information to them. They were looking for a breakdown of our benefit package. Deb and I spent a couple of hours last week getting this information together and sending it off to them. I think this is a good sign that we might get it. Commissioner Diaz added that it looks like we are in the running since they reached out to us for additional information, I think that's a positive.

Testing-Entry Level -Deputy Chief Esposito explained that we are still looking into this process. As the Chief mentioned were not sure if we will be going with the consortium or running our own test. However, we need to at the very least extend the list that we have at this time. The list will expire in the middle of July. This will give us a little more time to get this sorted out. Commissioner Diaz replied to move forward with the testing. A brief discussion followed about extending the present list. Commissioner Brown made a motion to extend the list for six months more, seconded by Commissioner Diaz and approved unanimously.

10. New Business: Commissioner Brown thanked everyone who came to the June Tenth Celebration. Chief Terenzio replied that it was a nice time.

A motion was made to close regular session at 7:40 pm and go into executive session by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Palumbo and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to close executive session at 8:01 pm and resume regular session by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Palumbo and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to adjourn by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Diaz and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

All minutes are subject to the final approval of the City of West Haven Fire Department Allingtown Commissioners.

Minutes recorded by Business Manager Brooks