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CITY OF WEST HAVEN FIRE COMMISSIONERS ALLINGTOWN

Board of Fire Commissioners

May 4, 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 April 6, 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)
10. New Business
Testing

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11. Executive Session.
 - Vacation and Sick Time
 - Personnel Issues

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

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

Present were Commissioners Troy Tappin, Paul Sikorski, Frederick Brown and Andrea Palumbo. Kevin Corcoran joined us later in the meeting. Also present was Chief Terenzio, Acting Chief Esposito.

Commissioner Tappin called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Business Manager Brooks called the roll and declared a quorum.

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Commissioner Tappin asked that we add the minutes from February 16, 2021 meeting to the agenda. A motion was made to add the February 16, 2021 meeting to the agenda by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Sikorski and approved unanimously.

3. Approval of February 16, 2021 and March 2, 2021 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to accept the minutes from February 16, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Palumbo and approved unanimously. Commissioner Brown made a motion to accept the minutes from March 2, 2021 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Sikorski and all approved with the exception of Commissioner Palumbo who was not in attendance at that meeting.

4. Public Session NONE

Commissioner Tappin 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 March. Business Manager Brooks explained that the Chief, Deputy Chief and I had a meeting yesterday Monday, April 5, 2021 with Council woman Hamilton and Councilwoman Hoskie. We had a discussion about the budget. They had a few questions that we were able to clear up. They also explained their concern for funding the pension more and the OPEB for the future. This came about because the MARB had also brought these issues forward. We gave our opinions on these items and they were going to take them back to the Mayor and the council. It was a productive meeting for now and the future.

6. Communications: Commissioner None

7. Report of the Chief: Chief Terenzio gave verbal and written report for March which will be kept on file. He reiterated some things that he had spoke to the councilwomen about. He presented them with the Apparatus Replacement Plan and explained it. He spoke on some suggestions for recruiting future firefighters. Let's try to start at the high school level. We can start directing the youth on where to start preparing for a future with the fire service. Such as becoming EMT's. There were some discussions on the

repair to this building and the grants that have been granted and those that may be granted in the future. Commissioner Brown asked if we had heard about the SAFER Grant. Chief Terenzio replied sometime in May. Chief Terenzio announced that he would become a resident of West Haven on May 1st.

8. Report of Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal: Deputy Chief Esposito gave verbal and written reports for March. Written reports will be kept on file. He gave a brief update on the building study. He explained that We are almost done with phase 1 of the study. We have met with UNH and have to wait to see if they are ready to commit to the project. Deputy Chief explained that for us to move forward with this process we need the support from the City and state. He explained that Representative DiMassa is on board with getting this project going. He will reach out to all the state personnel that are needed to help us go forward with the building. He understands how much work this has been and knows it's desperately needed. Deputy Chief Esposito spoke about the three fires (within 24 hours) that took place on March 19th and 20th. He stated that he has not had such a day like this one in ever. Everyone worked well together. I commend them for all their hard work.
9. Old Business: Headquarters Issues- Chief Terenzio stated that we have a price to take care of the front of the building. He understands that we have to take the money out of Allingtown Capital Projects. Deputy Chief Esposito explained that we have a problem with the sewage drain line. The basement was flooded real bad. We had to have Service Master come in to clean up the mess. They had to cut out some of the sheetrock because it was so bad. The pipe is so old that it's bowing down on the pathway to the street. It's up to us to pay to have this fixed. We have been in touch with Tom McCarthy. We definitely have to get this fixed in the very near future.
Firehouse Study- Deputy Chief Esposito covered this in his report.

SAFER Grant (Safer for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response) – Chief Terenzio stated that we should hear about it in May.

10. New Business: Commissioner Brown asked if Chief Terenzio touched base on the Apparatus Replacement Plan that he mentioned in his report. He made sure that he sent copies to all the commissioners for them to review. He gave a brief explanation of the plan. He explained that we have to work on a five year plan for the other areas and sources of the department. We need to prepare now. We may not get a grant for future apparatus.
Commissioner Brown touched on many items that are in process. Such as the new apparatus plan and the building study. He mentioned that President Biden has a trillion dollar Grant Program for Buildings. This is something that we can look into. He asked what the different trucks that were being considered? Deputy Chief Esposito replied that they are looking Pierce, Marion, Smeal and Suffan. They all can be repaired in CT. He thanked Deputy Chief Sweeney for all his help to Allingtown over the years and congratulated Deputy Chief William Johnson IV and Deputy Chief Ronald Pisani for their recent promotions.

A motion was made to close regular session at 7:36 pm and go into executive session by Commissioner Palumbo, seconded by Commissioner Sikorski and approved unanimously.

A motion was presented to close executive session at 7:58 pm and resume regular session by Commissioner Palumbo, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran and approved unanimously.
Chief Terenzio presented the board with Grievance 2021-002. A brief discussion followed. It was decided to move forward with the grievance. The board asked Chief Terenzio to set up a meeting with the Union and the Board to discuss the grievance.

A motion was presented to adjourn by Commissioner Palumbo, seconded by Commissioner Tappin and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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