

FAIRFIELD FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

March 8th 2012, 7:00pm

Independence Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

725 Old Post Rd Fairfield CT 06824

1. CALL TO ORDER: at 7:00pm by Chairman Charlene Lebo

Members Present: Commissioners: Susan Barrett, Felix Giannini, Craig van Steenberg, Richard Popilowski, and Patrick McCabe.

Also Present: Fire Chief Richard Felner: D.C. Art Reid

Absent: Commissioner Thomas Christie

Town Attorney - Stanton Lessor.

Selectman - James Walsh.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Moment of Reflection: For all Firefighters.

4. Approval of Minutes: Susan Barrett motioned, seconded by Richard Popilowski to approve the 2/9/2012 minutes with correction to note that Selectman James Walsh was present, and to approve 2/18/2012 minutes with correction to change the no motions (or) to read (no) motions and. Motion carried.

Chairman Charlene Lebo gave the floor to Commissioner Barrett, who read from an Official Citation from the Connecticut General Assembly bearing the Seal of the State of Connecticut and introduced by Senator John McKinney, 28th District; Representative Brenda L. Kupchick, 132nd District; Representative Kim Fawcett, 133rd District; Representative Tony Hwang, 134th District recognizing Chief Felner for his 53 years with the Fairfield Fire Dept and especially the last 13 yrs. As Chief.

5. Old Business:

a) Correspondence:

Chief Felner reported that they have received several thank you letters (on file)

b) Chief's Reports

Chief Felner went over the Fire Marshall, Training Center Incident calls and Monthly unit responses reports in great detail with the Commission.

c) Update Local 1426: No report.

d) Southport Volunteer updates: John Leone reported 2 more members have been sworn into the Southport volunteer department. In addition John updated the Fire Commission regarding the utility truck. They did reach out to the neighbor that had issues where the truck was being parked, and going forward will work with the neighbor's request to move the truck over certain holidays.

Stratfield Volunteer Dept: Fire Chief Jeff DeSerio reported the Open House Fire Prevention Program which was requested by CT.Moms. The program was a great success and also wanted to thank Ass. Chief Tracey.

6. New Business.

Chief Felner distributed a copy of the proposed budget to the commission. Commissioner Popilowski thanked Chief Felner and D.C. Reid for a great presentation at the Board of Finance which a few of the commissioners attended to support the budget. Attorney James Walsh mentioned why there was no mention of a new ladder truck in the budget which was in a replacement vehicle plan.

D.C. Reid reported on the CERT team program. New class has 14 candidates, and by the time they are done they should have 74 people certified. D.C. Reid is attending a National Hurricane conference seminar in Orlando Florida from March 26th to March 29th.

Susan Barrett motioned seconded by Richard Popilowski to go into Private Executive session at 7:25pm. Motion carried.

Public session resumed at 8:00pm. Chairperson Charlene Lebo reported that no motions, votes were taken in Private Executive session.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jude Fitzgerald

Recording Secretary