

**A Regular Meeting of the Fairfield Fire Commission was held on  
Thursday February 8th 2018 @ 7 pm Fairfield Regional Fire School,  
205 Richard White Way Fairfield CT 06824**

**CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Joseph Olzacki@ 7:00pm**

**Members Present:** Commissioners: Dorothea Brennan, Craig Vansteenbergen, John Brannelly and Barbara Rifkin.

**Also Present:** Chief McCarthy: D.C. Dunn

**Absent:** Commissioner Fitzpatrick

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Moment of Reflection:** For all Fire Fighters that passed.

**3. Approval of 01/11/2018 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Rifkin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Vansteenbergen to approve the 01/11/2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Joe Olzacki took a moment to welcome new member John Brannelly.

**4. Chief's Monthly Report- Training**

Chief McCarthy went over the priorities report submitted by Assistant Chief Scott Bisson for the Fairfield Fire Department for the month of February. The three new Fire Fighter recruits will be going to CT fire academy starting on February 13 for recruit school. Anticipated graduation is May 22<sup>rd</sup> 2018.

**a) Administration- Fire Marshall Fees**

Chief reported significant improvement in the Fire Marshall Fees with only 7 months into the Fiscal year. Fees should have more construction before end of FY which will impact the original budget projection. This is due to large projects being done in town including Sacred Heart. The profit and Loss detail report was provided to the board for their review.

**b) Maintenance-Apparatus Update.**

Chief reported Ladder truck is now 12 yrs old and will be replaced in 2021. A.C.Sherwood who supervises the Maintenance division is looking for continued service in the 12 yr. truck which is in the repair shop now and will be eventually used a reserve. Only concern chief had is that he hopes no balloon payments etc. are outstanding before purchasing the new truck for approx. 1.2 million.

**c) Donations- None**

**d) Regional Fire School operation Costs and Income**

Chief said staff is doing a phenomenal job expanding the offering of use of the training center to everyone when in return generates revenue. We are trying to get a profit from the usage fee for value of facility and over all programs. The Chief went over the Fee schedule with the commission. Chair Joe did point out to look at the Unplanned Hold over fee to make sure it was correct. Chief will take a look at it. The town is footing the \$58,000 for the facility. Chief would really appreciate the support from the Commission at Board of Finance and Board of Selectman meetings. Chair Joe asked if Sheila could send out email invites to the Commission as a reminder. Still looking from money from the State to try get funding restored to the training center.

**. 5. Deputy Chief's Operations Reports-**

D.C. reported on 2 fires one was a dryer fire and the other an overloaded extension cord. In addition there was a rollover on Meritt Parkway. Lt Lauri Jepson is retiring Feb18th 2018.

3 new FF will go to CFA Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. The turnout gear contract is up in February. Station 5 kitchen project is ongoing.

Ice Rescue training took place along with IAFF peer Fitness; Fairfield U pool training. Winter EMT class open enrollment at training grounds.

The Mechanics Apparatus Floor Jacks were approved by Board of Finance. Replacement Shift Commander's vehicle not approved as Non-Recurring Capital budget and will be requested in Operating Budget instead.

**6. Southport VFD Update- No report**

**7. Stratfield VFD Update- No report**

**8. Local 1426 Update - No report**

**9. CERT (community Emergency Response Team) Update-**

Norma reported training starting February 24<sup>th</sup> which is a Femma Circular and Shelter operation. Norma also thanked Chief and Deputy Chief for all their continued support.

**10. Old Business – None**

**11. New Business –** Chief brought up the hiring of 3 New Fire Fighters. He also acknowledged Mechanic Richard Demko's son who volunteers in Shelton and went through the academy himself and tested very well in other communities.

Chief mentioned since the retiring of Lauri Jepsen he is in the process of scheduling a promotion to John Calandriello to this vacant slot. He is promoting off of the authorized list which had been certified by the commission.

Joe did question the clarification on whether or not the commission needed to vote on this. Commissioner Brennan noted it would be best to get some clarification from the town attorney.

After discussion Commissioner Brennan moved, in the absence of a clarification of the charter requirements, seconded by Commissioner Vansteenbergen to amend the agenda and add item under New Business: To authorize the Chief to promote a Fire Fighter to Lt.

Commissioner Brennan moved, seconded by Commissioner Vansteenbergen to approve the promotion of Jon Calandriello who appears first on the already approved promotion list, filling the vacancy left by Lt. Jepsen with will start on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 2018. Motion carried with 1 abstention Commissioner Rifkin.

**12. Private executive Session- to discuss personnel matter**

Commissioner Brennan motioned, seconded by Commissioner

Vansteenbergen to go into Executive Session at 7:48pm. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission entered back into public session at 8:02pm

No motions were made; no votes were taken in executive session.

**13. Adjournment:** Being no further business Commissioner Olzacki motioned to adjourn at 8.03pm, seconded by Commissioner Rifkin. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jude Fitzgerald

Recording Secretary