

A Special Meeting of the Fairfield Fire Commission was held on

Wednesday November 7th, 2018 @ 7 pm Fairfield Regional Fire School, Conference Room 205 Richard White Way (formerly 205 One Rod Hwy) Fairfield, CT 06824

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

Members Present: Commissioners: Craig Van Steenberg, Bill Fitzpatrick, Barbara Rifkin and Harry Ackley Snr.

Also Present: Chief McCarthy: D.C. Dunn

Absent: Commissioner: John Brannelly and Dorothea Brennan

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. (a) Approval of October 11th, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes-

Commissioner Rifkin motioned, seconded by Commissioner Ackley to approve the October 11^h, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes with correction that Commissioner Ackley and Fire Chief will draft a letter for the Chairman to review not the commission. Motion carried with one recusal Commissioner Fitzpatrick.

3. Chief's Monthly Report- Capital Projects; 2019/2020 Budget Development

a) Administration- Chief McCarthy gave a brief overview of the thorough process that is involved in replacing the ladder truck: from the cost etc. demos from Assistant Chief Bisson, trying to get the ladder as close to what they currently have. Bridgeport went through the same process so they are looking at theirs also. DPW continues to do work on the Fire House stations. Station 2 needs re developing.

b) Maintenance- Chief noted increase in workload which is generated from the maintenance dept. The Chief wanted to recognize the 5 Assistant Chiefs contributions to the Fire Dept. doing work and

assignments above their job descriptions to be supportive to the Fire Fighters mission.

c) Donations- None

4. Deputy Chief's Operations Reports-

D.C went over incidents at Fairfield University, Church Hill Road and Anytime Fitness CPR call. DC went over some transfers which are routine within the Fire Dept. There are positive reports on the 2 probes at Academy. Command Staff invited to their Live Burns next week. Chief had a meeting with FFU, PD, Health and Cert regarding temporary re-location of students during expected flooding incidents in FBR area.

He announced station 5 Roof completed and everyone very happy. They got delivery of replacement Gear Washer \$8,500 at Station 1. The bushes were removed at Station 1 by Parks Dept. Station 1 is the face of the organization and its started to look much better and getting new signs. D.C. would like to purchase more of the Cardiac Compression Devices but they are \$15,000 each. Currently Engine 1, 2 and 3 have them but would like them on all 7 engines. The budget is a working process.

5. Southport VFD Update-

6. Stratfield VFD Update- No report

7. Local 1426 Update – No report

8. CERT (community Emergency Response Team) No report

. **9. Old Business-** None. Commissioner Fitzpatrick did ask the Chief where we stood regarding the relocation of the ECC into Sacred Heart.

Chief said still waiting on report from Consultant.

10. Appointment of Nominating Committee-????waiting to hear from Joe

Chief mentioned Fire Dept Open House on Dec 21st from 11:30am to 2:30pm for brief ceremony and lunch to follow. All invited.

11. Adjournment:

Being no further business Chair Joe motioned to adjourn at 7:50pm,
seconded by Commissioner Van Steenbergen.

Respectfully submitted by Jude Fitzgerald

Recording Secretary