

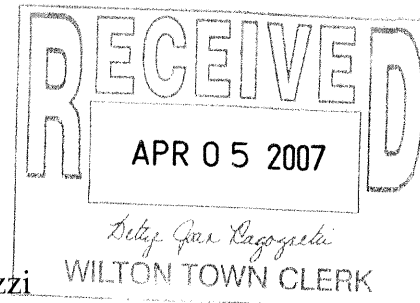


Fire Commission

236 DANBURY ROAD
WILTON, CONNECTICUT 06897

Minutes of Monthly Meeting Fire Department Headquarters

January 2, 2007



Present: Commissioners Rich McCarty, J. Casey Healy and Gary Mecozzi

Others: Deputy Chief George Peters, Fire Marshal David Kohn, Fire Inspector Bill Meehan, Captain Kevin Czarnecki, Firefighters Brad Carlson, Mike Pryor, Jeff Locher and Bill Sampson and Administrative Services Manager and Director of Human Resources Sarah Taffel.

A. **Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:** Chairman McCarty, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at approximately 1833 hours.

1. **A MOTION** was made by Commissioner Mecozzi to approve the minutes of the Commission's special meeting held on December 7, 2006, which motion was seconded by Chairman McCarty and unanimously approved.

B. Review of Monthly Reports

1. Deputy Chief's Report – The Commission reviewed the Deputy Chief's Report for December 2006. The Report noted that there were 90 responses (1 – Structure Fire, 1 – Other Fire, 50 – EMS and Rescue, 12 – Automatic Alarms, 2 – Hazardous Materials Responses and 36 – Other (spills, wires down, site inspections etc.)) by the Department during the month of December, bringing the total number of responses for the year to 1,606 (8 – Structure Fires, 17 – Vehicle and Other Fires, 687 – EMS and Rescue, 391 – Automatic Alarms, 44 – Hazardous Materials Responses and 459 – Other (spills, wires down, site inspections etc.)). Career training for the month included: (i) forcible entry, search and ventilation using a house to be torn down on McFadden Drive and (ii) a regional communications drill in Norwalk. No training sessions for the Department's volunteer firefighters were conducted during December. No problems were reported with Department apparatus (the annual service on Truck 5's "all-steer" system was completed) and no major communication problems were reported. Deputy Chief Peters advised the Commission that the painting of Station 1 had been completed and that the re-carpeting of the Station was scheduled to commence the week of January 8, 2007. Chairman McCarty renewed the request that he made at the Commission's December meeting that the members of the Commission receive by e-mail the Department's training schedule.

2. Fire Marshal Report – The Commission reviewed Fire Marshal Kohn’s monthly report for December 2006. Fire Marshal Kohn advised the Commission that inspections and fire inspections have increased as the result of the use of the MobilEyes software (Assembly up 12%; Educational up 32%; Business and mercantile up 31%; Residential up 67% and Healthcare up 60%).

C. Old Business

1. Purchase of New Engines – Commissioner Healy noted that the three members of the Apparatus Committee are scheduled to travel to Pierce in Appleton, WI this month to review the final prints for the two replacement engines. Apparatus Committee member Carlson advised that the Committee is working on the equipment list for the two engines.
2. New Firefighter Hire – Ms. Taffel reported that hiring of firefighter candidate James Blanchfeld is proceeding according to schedule.
3. Deputy Chief Search – Chairman McCarty noted that the deadline to submit a cover letter and a resume for the Deputy Chief position is January 10, 2007.
4. Homeland Security Grant – Nothing new to report.
5. Mobile Data Terminal (“MDTs”) Installation – Deputy Chief Peters advised the Commission that the custom brackets required to mount the MDT’s in the Department’s engines, truck and other vehicles had not been received from the fabricator.
6. Georgetown Fire District – Commissioner Mecozzi advised the Commission that he had discussed with Chief Heibeck of the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department (“Georgetown”) whether it would make sense to swap with Georgetown a section of Thunder Lake Road that falls within Wilton’s district, which area is in closer proximity to Georgetown’s fire station. Chief Heibeck advised Commissioner Mecozzi that he would be happy to discuss the issue with Chief Milositz, noting that streets were swapped between the Departments some years ago.
7. Non-bargaining Unit Employee Benefits – Ms. Taffel advised the Commission that the Board of Selectmen were scheduled to meet in Executive Session on January 2, 2007 to consider the Commission’s request that the Town extend to the Chief and the Deputy Chief of the Department the same retiree health insurance benefits afforded the union members of the Fire Department and all members of the Town’s Police Department both union and non-union.

D. New Business

1. Education Reimbursement - **A MOTION** was made by Commissioner Healy to approve the request by Firefighter Carlson to be reimbursed \$343.58 for the fee he paid Norwalk Community College for a Fire Science course entitled Fire Technology and Administration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mecozzi and unanimously approved.

- E. **Adjournment:** At approximately 1959 hours, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission will be held on February 2, 2007 at Fire Department Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Casey Healy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

J. Casey Healy
Secretary - Fire Commission