



WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of
October 4, 2023
Held Via Tele-Conference

Present: Commissioners Casey Healy and Terrie Schwartz

Others: Fire Chief James Blanchfield, Deputy Fire Chief John Plofkin, Fire Marshal Rocco Grosso

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:04 PM

2. Approval of Minutes: Upon motion duly made (Schwartz) and seconded (Healy), the minutes of the Regular Fire Commission September 6, 2023 Meeting held were unanimously approved 2-0 at 5:05 PM.

3. Monthly Reports:

- a. Fire Marshal: written report submitted. The Fire Marshals office has made good progress in catching up on overdue inspections, which was commended by Commissioner Healy. Also discussed was the increase in proposed residential apartment complexes in Wilton and the effects they will have on the work load at the Fire Marshal's office.
- b. Deputy Chief: written report submitted. Training took place at a commercial building at 12 Godfrey which included building construction, elevators, forcible entry, commercial locks, etc. Other training included standpipe & sprinkler class led by retired Captain Czarnecki and confined spaces scenarios at headquarters. DC Plofkin attended an active shooter training program. Commissioner Healy praised the work of Chief Blanchfield and Deputy Chief Plofkin in their successful efforts to elevate the training program at the department.

Other topics discussed – FF Morra's completion of the pump operator class, the annual ground ladder testing was completed, EV single use blanket and emergency plugs received and ready for use.

- c. Apparatus Supervisor: written report submitted. Truck 5 and Engine 3 Replacements discussed in Chief's report

4. Fire Chief Report:

Budget on track and calls for month listed in written report.
Reported the state radio system is on schedule and going well.
FF McEwan is off probation this month.

Captain Blatchley is handling uniform replacement and is being assisted by FF Baumblatt.

Public Relations-monthly senior center activity and library reading program.

- 911 Ceremony was well received and attended.

- Annual Hindu church event was held at fire HQ and well attended.

Engine 3 replacement committee-

- received last proposal and pricing will be received next week.

- presentation to BOS meeting ideally by end of October.

Truck 5-

- pre construction meeting to be held on March 24, 2024 with the vendor.

- building will then start and expected to take a year

5. Emergency Management:

Chief Blanchfield discussed the statewide Hazmat exercise taking place on October 18.

6. Unfinished Business:

Facilities- Awaiting discussion on pricing for the proposed security cameras for the south driveway.

- waiting for a written proposal for painting of the entry doors at headquarters.

- window replacement for Station 2-capital budget approved, awaiting start date from vendor.

- water tanks cleaned at Station 2

Station 2 water-options being discussed with Jeff Pardo and Findorak Co.

7. Public Comment: none

8. Adjournment at 6:05

Respectfully submitted,

J. Casey Healy

J. Casey Healy, Chairperson
Fire Commission