



WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of
February 7, 2024
Held Via Tele-Conference

Present: Commissioners Casey Healy, Terrie Schwartz and John Hall

Others: Fire Chief James Blanchfield, Deputy Fire Chief John Plofkin, Fire Marshal Rocco Grosso, Human Resource Director Sarah Taffel, Captain William Wilson

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM

2. Approval of Minutes: Upon motion duly made (Hall) and seconded (Schwartz), the minutes of the Regular Fire Commission January 3, 2024 Meeting held were unanimously approved 3-0 at 5:06 PM.

3. Monthly Reports:

a. **Fire Marshal:** written report submitted. Discussed 72 inspections in January, 19 new and 32 overdue. Overdue inspections are prioritized by high risk occupancies and re-inspections due to violations. Three investigations in January including the house fire on Belden Hill. Six plan reviews, which included three for ASML.

b. **Deputy Chief:** written report submitted.

Monthly training included:

Ice rescue training at Allen's Meadows; Presentation by towing company; LNG presentations
ASML for shifts every Thursday; Cancer prevention classes

Schooling:

Lt. Fouad attended ILead program at CFA

DC Plofkin, Capt. Elliott, Lt. Montgomery, FF Scarpetti attended Instructors conference

FF Tatun and FF Terenzio are signed up for active aggressor training.

Grant writing with Patricia Brandt/Hadley Boyd for micro-grant for bail out kits.

c. **Apparatus Supervisor:** written report submitted.

At 5:33pm, motion made by Commissioner Healy to scramble the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, approved 3-0.

At 5:43 PM, Commissioner Healy moved to approve Capt. William Wilson's 1.4.24 request for \$1,115.81 in educational reimbursement pursuant to Article 35, ¶ C in the CBA. Commissioner Schwartz SECONDED, and CARRIED 3-0-0.

Commissioner Healy moved to enter into Executive Session at 5:35 pm to discuss litigation matters, Commissioner Hall seconded, and carried 3-0.

Re-opened meeting at 6:54pm, no action taken.

4. Fire Chief Report: written report submitted. Discussed:

Calls volume up in January from same time last year. This is a continuing trend.
Fire at Belden Hill Road -Fire Marshals are finishing up investigative report. Chief Blanchfield and the Commissioners commend and thank all responders involved.

Communications-
weekly meeting for radio project-good progress being made
RMS system-in the process of looking at new vendors to replace current system.

Engine 3 Replacement – town prepaid, expecting 36 month delivery.
Ladder truck - Preconstruction meeting with Pierce for ladder truck in March or April, expecting January 2025 delivery.

Emergency Management-
Completed Red Cross shelter training, attended by FD, PD, Animal Control, Social Services, CERT, EMS, WVAC.
Building Security Assessment-Chief Blanchfield and Chief Conlon working with CIRMA.
Reviewing Town’s Emergency Notification platform.

Interviews in progress for FF vacancy.

5. Unfinished Business:

Facilities – St. 2 kitchen renovation – working on.
Computer hardware replacements of printers
PD project- temporarily relocating ambulance and water rescue vehicles
Replaced Murphy bed in day room.

6. Public Comment: none

7. New Business-

At 7:05 PM, Commissioner Hall moved to have a Special Meeting on February 13, 2024 at 5:00 PM to conduct Commission interviews for entry level firefighter position(s). Commissioner Schwartz SECONDED, and CARRIED 3-0-0.

8. Adjournment at 7:22.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Casey Healy

J. Casey Healy, Chairperson
Fire Commission