



WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF January 5, 2022 HELD VIA TELE-CONFERENCE

Present: Commissioners Casey Healy, Terrie Schwartz and John Hall.

Others: Fire Chief James Blanchfield, Deputy Chief John Plofkin, Fire Marshal Rocco Grosso
Lt. Bill Sampson, FF Bryan Montgomery, Director, Human Resource Sarah Taffel,

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at approximately 17:05hrs. 17:23 Commissioner Hall joined the meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Fire Commission's Regular Meeting held on December 1, 2021 were approved 3-0.
3. **Discussion on Monthly Reports:**
 - A. **Fire Marshal:** Fire Marshal Grosso submitted monthly report, Summarized 2021, trending normal, inspection volume down and implementation of new inspection mandate by State.
 - B. **Deputy Chief:** Reviewed report with Commission. January training set. Comm Healy congratulations to Car 1, Car 2, FM and DFM, all were instrumental in contacting owners of buildings and homes for FD and PD to train with. A brief discussion on air packs. Noted that FF Don Scarpetti doing a great job with overseeing Air Pack program.
 - C. **Apparatus Supervisor's Report:** No Questions or comments from Commission, however, Chief expressed to Commission that Apparatus Supervisor Carlo is an essential component in keeping the department up and running, not just apparatus, but also from basic building maintenance and equipment repairs.
4. **Fire Chief Report:** Call volume is in line with last year, down from pre-COVID years. Multiple mutual aid responses given to Georgetown, Ridgefield, Westport and Weston. Budget is on pace, but watching building maintenance, vehicle maintenance, medical equipment and OT budget lines, which will increase by the time year-end arrives due to Covid-19, retirements, approved carry-over from 2020-21 and other factors. Truck 5 committee remains active, Seagrave and Manchester FD were visited to look at facilities and apparatus. FF Guttman moves to regular C Shift on 1/12/2022. Spoke with 2 personnel from University Center of Excellence for Developmental and Disability Training and materials for education of FD

personnel. Board of Selectman approved making application to H-GAC purchasing cooperative. Thanked families who gave to the Wilton Fire Department Gift Fund in December.

5. **Unfinished Business:**

A. Facilities:

- i. **HQ Kitchen Update:** Deposit in and final drawings being prepared. Chief commended FF Pryor and FF Scarpetti, they are doing a great job. HQ, PS Trax Monitors to be upgraded at both HQ and Sta. 2 so that equipment and apparatus status can be better monitored. Extended thanks to Jennifer Fascitelli for her continued support and assistance with all FD repairs.
- ii. **Station 2 updates:** Gutters still req gutter guard installation, Bathroom project, Turner providing good updates; Attic insulation completed, dishwasher replaced, faucet replaced.

B. Vacant Lieutenant Position: Lt. Position posted on January 5, 2022. Chief advised testing likely end of March. Human Resource Manager Sarah Taffel advised that the goal is communication between all entities for what is best for the town and Fire Department.

6. **New Business:**

- **Bryan Montgomery Education Reimbursement:** FF Montgomery advised the commission that he was appreciative of the program and was originally encouraged to pursue by Interim Chief, Geoffrey Herald.

Commissioner Terrie Schwartz MOVED to approve FF Bryan Montgomery's 12.28.21 request for educational reimbursement pursuant to Article 35, ¶ C in the CBA. Commissioner John Hall SECONDED and CARRIED 3-0-0 with all in favor.

Public Comment: No public comment received.

7. **Adjournment:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 17:59hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

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