



WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes of
May 4, 2022
Held Via Tele-Conference

Present: Commissioners Casey Healy, Terrie Schwartz and John Hall

Others: Fire Chief James Blanchfield, Deputy Chief John Plofkin,
Apparatus Supervisor Richard Carlo, Jr., FF Bryan Montgomery and Director, Human
Resource Sarah Taffel

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:19 PM
2. **Vote to enter into executive session:** to interview FF Bryan Montgomery for promotion to Lieutenant. Commission invited Chief Jim Blanchfield, Deputy Chief John Plofkin, FF Bryan Montgomery, HR Director Sarah Taffel to attend executive session
3. **Re-Open Regular Session at 6:13 PM:**

Motion made by Commissioner Hall to approve the promotion of FF Bryan Montgomery to Lieutenant, seconded by Terrie Schwartz and carried 3-0-0 with all in favor

Chief Blanchfield advised Commission that FF Montgomery will be sworn in this Friday, May 6th, with a family and friends gathering on May 16, 2022 at 11:00 am for a ceremonial swearing in.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Fire Commission Regular Meeting held on April 6th, 2022, and the Fire Commission Special Meeting held on April 20th, 2022 were both approved 3-0.

5. Monthly Reports:

- a. Fire Marshal: No questions or comments
- b. Deputy Chief: No questions or comments
- c. Apparatus Supervisor: All apparatus in service, progress continues on inspections, repairs and preventative maintenance; Brief discussion on spiral staircase to be utilized in training area; Supervisor Carlo will be participating in Certification for Emergency Vehicle Technician; New Car 6 is in, App Sup working on coordination of emergency lights and graphics for new vehicle;

6. **Fire Chief Report:** Advised Commission regarding situation on Mill Road Wilton/New Canaan bridge weight limits and future improvements to the bridge, and how the FD will proceed to calls, both medical and fire-related.

Also spoke to recent call at ASML requiring a highly technical response. Reported that the crew working that day were a mix from all shifts, yet due to training were able to operate seamlessly. Attributed this, in part, to the recent emphasis by the Department on standardized training on all four shifts.

7. Unfinished Business:

A. Facilities:

- i. **HQ Kitchen-Status**-Appliances are back ordered
- ii. **Station 2 Updates**- bathrooms completed, interior being painted presently.

B. Truck 5 Replacement- Update:

Finalizing plans. T5 Committee continues to do a great job. Delivery approximately 690 days from signing of contracts.

8. New Business - No new business before Commission.

9. Public Comment: FF Dave Chaloux spoke on behalf of the Local IAFF 2233 offering its congratulations to Lt. Montgomery on his promotion.

10. Adjournment: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,

J. Casey Healy

J. Casey Healy, Chairperson
Fire Commission

*Minutes have not yet been reviewed by this Commission and may be subject to revision.