



WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes of
June 1, 2022
Held Via Tele-Conference

Present: Commissioners Casey Healy, Terrie Schwartz and John Hall

Others: Fire Chief James Blanchfield, Apparatus Supervisor Richard Carlo, Jr., Human Resource Director Sarah Taffel, attorney Christopher Hodgson, town outside counsel, Deputy Fire Chief John Plofkin, Jr.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:08 pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Fire Commission's Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2022 were approved 3-0.
3. **Vote to Enter into Executive Session:** At 5:08 pm to discuss Contract (CBA) Negotiations. Commission invited Chief Blanchfield, Director, Human Resource Sarah Taffel and Chris Hodson, Town Outside Council to Executive Session.
4. **Re-open Regular Session at 5:57 pm:** No action taken on items discussed in Executive Session.
5. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. Fire Marshal: No questions or comments on written report
 - b. Deputy Chief: Truck Tactics class went well, provided good exposure to personnel.
 - c. Apparatus Supervisor: E-1 briefly out of service this past weekend, not a major problem. Truck 5 out of service for scheduled annual maintenance of aerial and all steer, also for a repair to the turbo. Advised Commission that E-2 was our last vehicle to have the Ward No Smoke exhaust filtration system installed.
6. **Fire Chief Report:** Update on construction project on Belden Hill. Discussion ensued regarding internship program. Program has been a success to date, with all personnel assisting. All FD personnel staff member able to access Zello to monitor FD calls. Interviews scheduled for vacancy. CAD issue inhibited ability to provide call figures for May. Radio upgrades discussed, no eta on implementation.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Facilities
 - i. HQ Kitchen-Station 2 items to be completed before HQ project begins.
 - ii. Station 2-Small items still need to be completed. Will be reviewing potable water issue in the near future.

8. New Business:

- A.) Motion made by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, and carried 3-0 to approve 12 hours of Vacation Carryover for Fire Personnel into FY 23. Chief indicated this was discussed with Finance and First Selectwoman Vanderslice previously, and that it was the Chief and Fire Commission's ultimate decision to approve/deny. The time carried over is to be taken by August 31, 2022.

Amended Motion to Vacation Carryover Vote: Requests for Vacation Carryover must be made in writing to Chief Blanchfield by June 10th. **Motion carried 3-0.**

- B) Motion made by Commissioner Healy, seconded by Commissioner Hall, carried 3-0 to add to Agenda, request for education reimbursement for Lt. Bryan Montgomery to New Business.

Commissioner Healy moved to approved Educ Reimbursement in the amount of \$881.25, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz. Commissioners stated they are pleased to see individuals take advantage of this. **Motion carried 3-0.**

9. Public Comment: No Public Comment Received

- 10. Adjournment:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Casey Healy

J. Casey Healy, Chairperson
Fire Commission

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