



WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

Special Meeting Minutes of

June 14, 2023

Held Via Tele-Conference

Present: Commissioners Casey Healy and Terrie Schwartz

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

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM

2. Approval of Minutes: Upon motion duly made (Schwartz) and seconded (Healy), the minutes of the Regular Fire Commission May 3, 2023 Meeting held were unanimously approved 2-0 at 5:04 PM.

3. Monthly Reports:

a. Fire Marshal: written report submitted. Not in attendance.

b. Deputy Chief: written report submitted.

Discussed MetroNorth training, FF Morra now on shift duty after 5 weeks of training, live burn training with Westport FD at Fairfield Fire School, Employee back on full duty after injury leave, EMT certification classes completed for FF's Bisenius and Wydra.

c. Apparatus Supervisor: written report submitted.

Discussed Truck 5 breakdown while at training.

Manufacturer stated delivery of replacement Truck will be moved out an additional 3 months.

Engine replacement Committee meeting – building specifications, almost 3 year wait for new vehicle

New software received for record keeping, work orders and inventory.

4. Chairperson Healy moved, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz voted to enter into Executive session for discussion on MPP/Litigation matters with Chief Blanchfield and Sarah Taffel at 5:36 invited in, VOTED all in favor.

5. Re-open regular meeting at 6:38. No action taken from Executive Session.

6. Fire Chief Report: Written report submitted

Discussed speaker system upgrade at HQ, year end budget, emergency calls up 10% from last year, with increases from previous year as well.

Department physicals being conducted at Stamford Health. Scheduling issues

Discussed staff: The FD is currently fully staffed, DFM Edwards is completing his code class and will be

certified at the end of June, Captain Blatchley and Lt Fouad attended ICS300 training regarding command and control at large scale incidences. WFD will seek to host ICS 400 training in the fall.

Emergency Management - Upcoming meetings scheduled with the Emergency Management Departments of New Canaan and Westport. Planning for 4th of July Fireworks ongoing. DC Plofkin and Lt. Rengel (WFD) to develop IAP.

- 7. Unfinished Business:** discussion on facilities including repairs of sound system at HQ, two door repairs at Station 2, painting at HQ and the approval of new windows at Station 2.

8. New Business:

At 7:02 P.M., Chairperson J. Casey Healy MOVED, with Commissioner Terrie Schwartz seconding the Motion to approve Firefighter Zachary McEwan's request for a carryover of 24 hours leave from FY23 into FY24, said carried over vacation leave to be used by September 30, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously, 2-0.

At 7:03 P.M., Chairperson J. Casey Healy MOVED, with Commissioner Terrie Schwartz seconding the Motion to approve Firefighter Daniel Tatum's request for a carryover of 60 hours leave from FY23 into FY24, said carried over vacation leave to be used by December 31, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously, 2-0.

At 7:04 P.M., Commissioner Terrie Schwartz MOVED, with Chairperson Healy seconding a Motion seconding the Motion to approve Firefighter Michael Wydra's request for a carryover of 132 hours leave from FY23 into FY24, said carried over vacation leave to be used by June 30, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously, 2-0.

9. Public Comment: none

At 7:19 P.M., Commissioner Terrie Schwartz MOVED, with Chairperson Healy seconding a Motion to move the July Regular Meeting of the Fire Commission to July 12, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

Motion carried unanimously, 2-0.

10. Adjournment at 7:20

Respectfully submitted,

J. Casey Healy

J. Casey Healy, Chairperson
Fire Commission