



WILTON FIRE COMMISSION

MEETING ROOM B – WILTON TOWN HALL
238 DANBURY ROAD
Wilton, CT

Minutes of January 16, 2020

Fire Commission Monthly Meeting

Present: Commissioners J. Casey Healy and Christopher Weldon.

Others: Wilton Manager of Financial Reporting and Planning Anthony DeFelice, Board of Selectmen member Ross Tartell, Chief Geoff Herald, Captain Kevin Czarnecki, Lieutenants Bill Wilson and Bill Sampson, Firefighters Dave Chaloux, Mike Pryor, Noah Fouad and Bryan Montgomery, Fire Marshal Rocco Grosso and Director of Human Resources, Labor Relations and Administrative Services Sarah Taffel.

A. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at approximately 1808 hours.

B. **Approval of Minutes:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Fire Commission's December 4, 2019 regular meeting were approved 2-0.

C. **Monthly Reports:**

(i) **Chief of the Department's Report:** Chief Herald made his monthly report; including noting that the new Pierce Fire Engine was delivered to Fire Headquarters. The Department members and Apparatus Supervisor Petruzzi are determining the fit out necessary for the Department's equipment. Modifications to the Engine should be completed within the next 6 to 8 weeks.

(ii) **Fire Marshal's Report:** The Commission reviewed the Fire Marshal's Activity Reports for December 2019 and 2019 Year-End.

D. **Old Business:**

(i) **Status of Station 2 renovation; including water service.** Chief Herald reported that Director of Facilities Chris Burney is working on finding a well on the Town of Wilton property located off Vista Road in order to establish water service for Station 2.

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- (ii) **Status of Repair of Kitchen at Fire Headquarters:** No significant movement at Fire Headquarters. Consultants working on it. Station 2 stove failing.

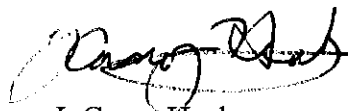
E. New Business:

- (i) **Review of Budget for FY 2021.** Mr. DeFelice reviewed the Department's FY21 Budget - Fire Commission dated January 16, 2020. The Budget currently reports a 1.83% increase; with group insurance costs driving the increase. Mr. DeFelice reported that the Town is exploring joining the State of Connecticut's health insurance plan versus remaining self-insured. Commissioner Weldon requested a breakdown of the overtime budget. Commissioner Weldon also inquired as to the savings accrued by virtue of the fact that the Deputy Chief's position has not been filled. Chief Herald discussed the Department's training budget; noting that absent training, new equipment cannot be placed into service. Thereafter, Mr. DeFelice reviewed the 5 Year Operating Capital Budget and the 5 Year Bonded Capital Requests. The Commission also reviewed the Budget Performance Report Date Range 07/01/19 – 12/31/19.
- (ii) **Election of Officers.** Upon motions duly made and seconded, J. Casey Healy was appointed the Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the year ending November 30, 2020 and Christopher Weldon was appointed as Vice Chairman.
- (iii) **Adoption of meeting schedule for calendar year 2020.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission scheduled its regular monthly meeting for the first Wednesday of the month at 1800.
- (iv) **Request to use gift fund to purchase day room furniture for Stations 1 and 2.** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission authorized the use of the Fire Department gift fund for up to \$2,800 to purchase four recliner chairs (2 for HG and 2 for Station 2).

F. Public Comment: None.

G. Adjournment: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1929 hours,

Respectfully submitted,



J. Casey Healy
Fire Commission

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