

Public Safety Commission

FIRE DEPARTMENT

September 21, 2020

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Ford called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Meghan Carta
Commissioner Darnell Ford
Commissioner Anthony Mangiafico
Commissioner Phil Pessina
Commissioner Linda Salafia

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger
Captain John Lozefski

STAFF ABSENT

PUBLIC PRESENT

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

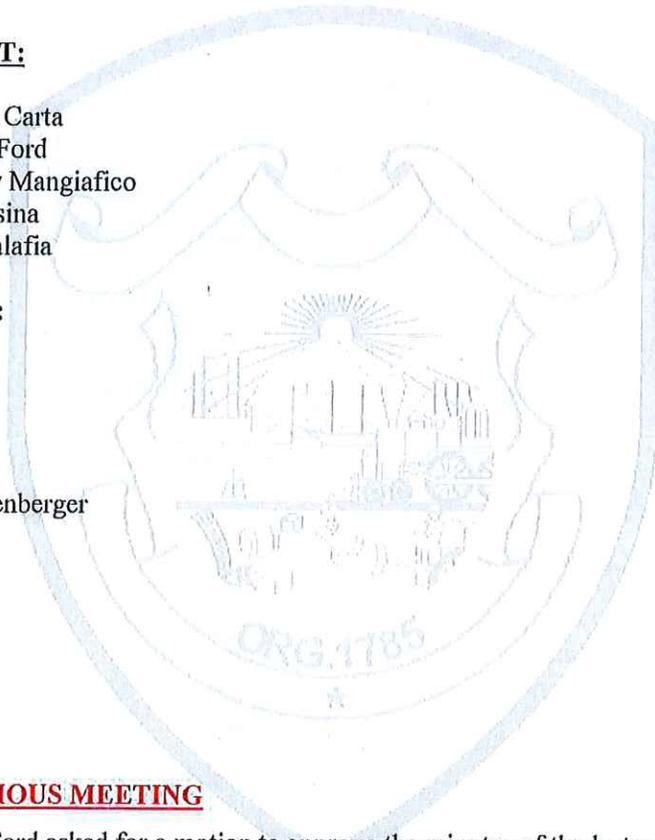
Commissioner Ford asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on August 17, 2020, Commissioner Pessina so moved, Commissioner Salafia seconded, and all voted in favor to approve the minutes as presented.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None



6. MONTHLY REPORT

- Chief Kronenberger gave the monthly report:
 - Call volume remains low & is down around 1,000 calls from the previous year
 - Related to the hospital's change to the EMS protocols
 - Fire calls have increased over the past few weeks
 - No civilian injuries – couple of firefighter incidents occurred during these fires consisting of heat exhaustion & dehydration – all have recovered and are back on their shifts
 - Chief Kronenberger stated that he continues to meet with various groups
 - As co-chair of the Arrigoni Bridge project Chief stated that he is very impressed with the way the project is moving along, that there has been minimal impact to the downtown area, and everyone involved is working well together
 - Training update:
 - Rope rescue training done during the month of August
 - During the months of September & October live burn training will take place as well as others standards in training as required
 - Staffing update:
 - Effective October 5th four firefighters will be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant:
 - Keith St. Germain – 11 years of service
 - Mike Furtak – 14 years of service
 - Hector Lopez – 19 year veteran of the department
 - Joe Deangelo – 28 years of experience
 - Each fire apparatus will now have a supervisor on it
 - Swearing In Ceremony not yet scheduled – Chief stated that he wants it to be an in person ceremony and is waiting on the right time
 - Deputy Fire Marshal Joe Salafia will be retiring in November
 - Fire Academy:
 - Two recruits currently attending – No COVID positives reported, good policies in place at this time

7. OLD BUSINESS

- COVID-19 responses:
 - Responses are low because the hospital has reduced what the Fire Department responds to and will continue as is for the months of September & October

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Promotion of four firefighters to the rank of Lieutenant as reported in the monthly report

9. Other Matters Not on the Agenda:

- None

10. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

- None

11. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Monthly report given by Director Kronenberger:
 - Assisted Kiwanis with the Cans-4-A-Cause project
 - Nothing new to report at this time
- Old Business
 - The purchasing plan for reimbursable FEMA expenses stays status quo
 - Items being purchased as soon as they become available and stock piling in the event of a COVID spike
 - Currently short on gloves but will purchase when available
 - Reimbursable FEMA expenses:
 - As reported by Director Kronenberger, Tina Gomes is doing a remarkable job with the reimbursables – looking like FEMA is going to support & reimburse all the big ticket items that were submitted including all over time – not sure when money will be issued
 - FEMA to reimburse 75% and the State of Ct. to reimburse 25% while the money lasts
 - Councilman Darnell stated that he would like to see down the line what was submitted for reimbursement and what was actually reimbursed

12. Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee

- No meeting held for the month of September

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Darnell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Mangiafico so moved a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Salafia seconded, all voted on favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Ruffino

Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2020