

**MEETING MINUTES - BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MAY 18, 2022 – 11:00 AM
Meeting ID: 994 4925 0236**

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 11:02 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

3. Moment of silence for US Firefighter Line-Of-Duty deaths:

Chief David Hassen, Sr.
Fire Marshal Stephen Smith
Firefighter Timothy Klein

Firefighter John Forbush
Wildland Firefighter Darien Banks
Captain Jason Smith

4. Roll Call: Commissioners Rosenberg, R. Russo J. Meszoros, J. Larcheveque, A/Fire Chief Edwards, DC J. Buck, A/DC J. Cronin

Absent: W. Marshall, C. Saunders-Maignan, G. Pettway

5. Minutes:

Entertain a motion to dispense with reading of minutes of the previous meeting.

Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

6. Old Business:

i. Local 834 2022-1 Article 6, Adjustment of Grievance Procedure, restricted to whether the City of Bridgeport violated the collective bargaining agreement when it failed to properly calculate FF Robert Whitbread's final payout at retirement.

Union President Dobbs advised the Board both the Union and Labor Relations agreed to table to the June Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.

Commissioner Meszoros entertained a motion to table to the June Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

7. New Business:

i. None.

8. Executive Session for attendance review of the following individuals:

- **FF Maurice Barnes – Declined Executive Session**

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FF Barnes advised continues with PT for the next 2 weeks. Has a RTW date of May 31st or June 1st.

Entertain a motion to table to the June Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Larcheveque moved; Commissioner Meszoros second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **FF Ronald Reed – Declined Executive Session**

FF Reed advised saw eye specialist and was prescribed steroids to strengthen the muscle in the left eye. Appointments scheduled for with the shoulder doctor and C spine doctor end of May.

Entertain a motion to table to the June Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Larcheveque second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **LT Joseph Kirkland – Not in Attendance**

DC Buck advised that LT Kirkland had a PT appointment and could not attend. LT Kirkland has submitted a RTW of 5/30 on Light Duty.

Entertain a motion to table to the June Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **FF Jose Ramos – Not in Attendance**

Entertain a motion to table to the June Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Larcheveque moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **FF Joseph Torres – Declined Executive Session**

FF Torres advised he saw the surgeon on May 17th and needs a second opinion. Awaiting approval and scheduling an appointment for a possible removal of cyst on the joint.

Entertain a motion to table to the June Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Larcheveque second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **FF Terence O'Connell – Not in Attendance**

DC Buck advised FF O'Connell has return to full duty as of 5/13/2022.

No motion required.

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- **FF Michael Sorensen – Declined Executive Session**

FF Sorensen advised he continues with PT 2-3X a week, awaiting an appointment to schedule an MRI on his right shoulder. Hopes for Light Duty sometime in July.

Entertain a motion to table to the June Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Russo moved; Commissioner Meszoros second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **PE James Karns – Declined Executive Session**

PE Karns advised he continues with PT, weight training. Done with therapy the first week of July. Sees surgeon in August for an evaluation.

Entertain a motion to table to the August Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo; all in favor: I's have it.

- **FF Anthony Santiago – Not in Attendance**

DC Buck advised FF Santiago not in attendance due to PT. Currently no RTW date.

Entertain a motion to table to the June Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

9. Entertain a motion to accept the Report of Sick and Injury

Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

10. Policy and Procedure review:

- A/Deputy Chief Cronin advised the Board of the following:
 - Entry level FF Test was completed. List to be certified. Drug Testing has started per Civil Service.
 - CPAT remained open on weekends & Wednesday's only for the month of May
 - 20 Members retiring
 - IO Solutions aware of testing for Assistant Chief, Captain, and Pumper Engineer.
 - FF Recruit Sameer Abdulgalil graduates from the CFA on 5/25.
 - Planning to hold Firefighter 1 & 2 in house for FF Recruits. Training to be done by BFD personnel.
 - Extended probationary period for several new members to obtain their EMR.
 - Smoke Alarms received through CDBG grant.
 - New Ladder 6 and Rescue apparatus submitted. Ladder 6 due in 13-14 months, Rescue is scheduled for an October delivery.

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- 262 smoke alarms installed in April. High inventory remains due to COVID.
- FMD inspected over 600 buildings: 200 commercial buildings and 4 industrial sites.
- Red Cross assisted with 3 families
- 45 Narcan administered in the month of April
- Swearing In Ceremony to be held tonight at Common Council Chambers

There being nothing further to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn is in order.

Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

Meeting Ended 11:25 AM

Prepared: G. Bottillo