

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING AUGUST MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 17, 2016

Present: Commissioners W. Marshall, R. Russo, C. Saunders-Maignan, A. Meszoros, Sr., Provisional Fire Chief Thode, Deputy Chief Edwards, and Deputy Chief Petrucelli

Call to order: President Marshall called to order at 6:01 PM

Deputy Chief Petrucelli led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Moment of silence for US Firefighter Line-Of-Duty deaths in the past month:

FF Douglas A. Clement
FF Joshua Warren
FF Clifford M. Rigsbee
Chief David K. Britt
FF John R. Fritz

Roll Call: Deputy Chief Petrucelli read roll call.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Appeal to the Fire Commission of the termination of probationary Firefighter Charles Ovesny under Article 22, Section 4 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Bridgeport and IAFF Local 834 pursuant to a settlement agreement between the City and IAFF Local 834 Case No. MPP-31, 434.

Entertain a Motion to Table FF Charles Ovensy's Appeal to the September 21, 2016 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting.

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

New Business:

- 1) Communications:
 - a. None.

- 2) Entertain a motion to grant a Widow's Pension Request to Gloria Caruso, widow of retired FF Rosario Caruso, effective June 27, 2016, and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

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

- 3) Captain Kevin Shevlin; Request clarification on the current number of Assistant Chief positions in the BFD table of organization.

Chief Thode addressed the Commissioners to advise this request was on the Civil Service Commission Agenda for August 10, 2016, however due to a scheduling conflict Captain Shevlin could not attend and the item was tabled to the September 13, 206 CSC Meeting. Additionally, Chief Thode advised this is a Civil Service matter, not a Fire Commission matter and recommends to table the request until next month when Captain Shevlin can address Civil Service first.

Entertain a motion to table Captain Shevlin's request to September 21, 2016 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting

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

- 4) Executive Session for attendance review of the following individuals:
 - a. FF Joseph Torres (B)

FF Torres is not in attendance; motion to move to items 5, 6 and 7 on the Agenda and to allow FF Torres time to arrive.

Entertain a Motion to table FF Joseph Torres attendance review for his Sick & Injury to the September 21, 2016 Fire Commissioner's Meeting Department after his attendance review with Chief Thode.

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

- 5) 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.

6) Entertain a motion to accept the Payroll Register.

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

7) Policy and Procedure review:

a. None.

Chief Thode requested an opportunity to brief the Commissioners on the \$2.8 Million SAFER Grant awarded to the City of Bridgeport for hiring of firefighters. The department was already in the process of vetting people who already took the entrance exam with Chief Edwards spearheading this. A group of FF 's are ready to start Monday, 8/22; hiring 23 FF's and 17 of those FF's will be paid in part by the Federal Government, covering their salary and fringe benefits.

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

Commissioner Meszoros wanted to mention it is a great pleasure of not seeing grievances from the department; of 6 years tenure here, hopefully it is a good change of atmosphere.

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