

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2016**

Present: Commissioners W. Marshall, R. Russo, J. Meszoros, S. Rosenberg, Chief Thode, Deputy Chief Edwards and Deputy Chief Petrucelli

Call to order: President Marshall called to order at 6:07 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:

Safety Officer Charles E. Horan
LT Christopher M. Leach
FF Jerry W. Fickes
FF Sean McMullin
Battalion Chief Michael J. Fahy

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 Rosenberg 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 December 21, 2016 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Meszoros moved, Commissioner Rosenberg second; all in favor; I's have it

- a. Local 834 Appeal; Wesley Shirley, Termination

Entertain a Motion to Table Wesley Shirley, Termination Appeal to the December 21, 2016 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting

Commissioner Meszoros moved, Commissioner Rosenberg second; all in favor; I's have it

New Business:

- 1) Communications:
 - a. None.
- 2) Entertain a motion to remove retired Deputy Chief Elmer F. Schmidt, deceased October 10, 2016, from the Firefighter's Pension list and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A for implementation.

Commissioner Rosenberg moved, Commissioner Meszoros second; all in favor; I's have it.

- 3) Entertain a motion to remove retired PE Clifford S. Dotson, deceased October 22, 2016, from the Firefighter's Pension list and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Commissioner Meszoros moved, Commissioner Rosenberg second; all in favor; I's have it.

- 4) Entertain a motion to removed retired PE Thomas Stephen Durica, deceased November 2, 2016, from the Firefighter's Pension list and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Commissioner Meszoros moved, Commissioner Rosenberg second; all in favor; I's have it.

- 5) Executive Session for attendance review of the following individuals:

- a. PE Paul Lengyel (B)

Executive Session refused by PE Paul Lengyel. PE Lengyel advised he has an appointment with a surgeon Friday, November 18, 2018 to schedule his surgery. Once surgery is complete, he hopes to be back to work with no exceptions. PE Lengyel agreed to come to the January 19, 2016 and provide a medical status update.

- b. FF Daniel Brelsford (B)

FF Brelsford was not present. Chief Edwards advised a letter was sent to FF Brelsford requesting his attendance to the November Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting and FF Brelsford had performed surgery in September 2016.

Entertain a motion to table FF Brelsford to December 21, 2016 Meeting.

Commissioner Meszoros moved, Commissioner Rosenberg second; all in favor; I's have it.

c. CAPT Francisco Rivera (B)

CAPT Rivera is now on light duty and no longer on sick leave.

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

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

7) Entertain a motion to accept the Payroll Register.

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

8) Policy and Procedure review.

Chief Thode provided an update to the Commissioners on the various projects ongoing in the Fire Department, i.e., Smoke Detector Program, new fire truck for L10, IT Initiatives, new Dispatch Software, FF Rookies, Lieutenant and Pumper Engineer Tests, Grants and Breast Cancer Fundraiser.

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

Commissioner Meszoros motion to adjourn; Commissioner Rosenberg second; all in favor; I's have it.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm

Next Meeting: December 21, 2016
Fire Headquarters, 2nd Floor, 30 Congress St., Bridgeport, CT

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