

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2016**

Present: Commissioners R. Russo, J. Meszoros, S. Rosenberg, Saunders-Maignan, Deputy Chief Edwards and Deputy Chief Petrucelli

Call to order: Vice-President Russo called to order at 6:04 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:

Captain Yaphet Miller
FF Jermaine Frye
FF Joseph Bichler
FF John C. Brocker
FF Adam Long

Roll Call: Deputy Chief Petrucelli read roll call.

Minutes:

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

Commissioner Rosenberg moved, Commissioner Meszoros 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 January 18, 2017 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting.

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

- 2) Local 834 Appeal; Wesley Shirley, Termination.

IAA Local 834 President, Bob Whitbread has no information on this case and has requested a postponement to the January 18, 2017 Meeting. Entertain a Motion to Table Local 834 Appeal; Wesley Shirley, Termination to the January 18, 2017 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 grant Dorothy Schmidt, widow of retired Deputy Chief Elmer Schmidt, a Widow's Pension Request, effective October 11, 2016 and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

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

- 3) Entertain a motion to remove retired PE Howard W. Bernhard, deceased November 10, 2016, from the Firefighter's Pension list and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

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

- 4) Entertain a motion to grant Widow's Pension Request to Elizabeth Bernhard, widow of retired PE William Bernhard, effective November 11, 2016 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.

- 5) Executive Session for attendance review of the following individuals:
 - a. PE Paul Lengyel (B) tabled to January 18, 2017 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.
 - b. FF Daniel Brelsford (B)

FF Brelsford was in attendance and provided an update on his medical status. FF Brelsford has a doctor's appointment on Friday, December 23, 2016 with hopes of being cleared for light duty or full duty. FF Brelsford will provide a status report at the January 18, 2017 Commissioners Meeting. Entertain a motion to table FF Brelsford to January 18, 2017 Meeting.

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

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

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

- 7) Entertain a motion to accept the Payroll Register.

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

- 8) Policy and Procedure review.

Deputy Chief Edwards provided an update to the Commissioners on the various projects in the Fire Department. The 22 Recruits graduated from the Academy, 3 are on the line now and the other 19 recruits are working on their EMR Certification. Additionally, the results for the Pumper Engineer and Lieutenants tests were posted and Deputy Chief Robert Petrucelli is retiring; his last day is Friday, December 30, 2016.

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 6:13 pm

Next Meeting: January 18, 2017
Fire Headquarters, 2nd Floor,
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