

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 2018**

Present: Commissioners S. Rosenberg, J. Morley, Saunders-Maignan, J. Meszoros, R. Russo, W, Marshall, Deputy Chief Edwards, Deputy Chief Rolfe.

Call to Order: Commissioner Rosenberg called to order at 6:03 PM

Deputy Chief Rolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

Engineer Jeffery Atkinson
FF David Jahnes
Capt Jeffrey Vollmer
FF Jeffrey Blackmer
FF Craig Maull
FF Frank Matagrano
FF Jason Garrett
LT Jeffrey White

Deputy Chief Rolfe also asked for a moment of silence to recognize the deaths for active Bridgeport Firefighter Dave Gaito and Commissioner Meszoros' brother Dave who both passed away this past week.

Roll Call: Deputy Chief Rolfe read roll call.

Minutes:

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

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

Old Business:

1) Local 834 Grievance 2017-1 – Tim Richmond, Medical Benefits.

Per Union President, Bob Whitbread, there is an agreement, however need clarification of the language, requesting to table to February's Board of Fire Commissioner's Meeting.

Entertain a motion to table to February's Board of Fire Commissioner's Meeting

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

- 2) Local 834 Grievance 2017-4 Fire Inspector, Hiram Velez, Article 6, Denied Overtime.

Per Union President, Bob Whitbread, the Union is going to withdraw the grievance, City and Union have come to resolve on the grievance

Entertain a motion to table to February's Board of Fire Commissioner's Meeting

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

- 3) Local 834 Grievance, 2017-7, FF Johanna Georgia, Article 6, Denied Overtime.

Per Union President, Bob Whitbread, we are still working on a settlement and resolution, requesting to table to February's Board of Fire Commissioner's Meeting.

Entertain a motion to table to February's Board of Fire Commissioner's Meeting

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

New Business:

- 1) Election of Board of Fire Commissioners

DC Rolfe advised Commissioners as per City Charter, elections for President and Vice-President need to be nominated and voted upon. Nominations for President; Stuart Rosenberg and William Marshall. Nominations for Vice-President Robert Russo. Votes handed down and the new President is Stuart Rosenberg and Vice-President is Robert Russo.

- 2) Appointment of Fire Marshal, Henry Polite.

Fire Marshal Henry Polite was appointment by Civil Service Commission as Fire Marshal for City of Bridgeport as per Unaffiliated Ordinance 2.36. The Oath of Office was administered by Board of Fire Commissioners, President Stuart Rosenberg.

- 3) Local 834 Grievance, 2017-10, FF Dan Russo, Article 6, Funeral Leave.

Per Union President Bob Whitbread awaiting clarification from Labor Relations on the City's position as it pertains to Funeral Leave. Requesting grievance to be tabled to February.

Entertain a motion to table to February's Board of Fire Commissioner's Meeting

Commissioner Meszoros motioned, Commissioner Marshal second, all in favor: I's have it.

- 4) Entertain a motion to remove retired Deputy Chief, Anthony Petrucelli, deceased January 4, 2018, 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.

- 5) Yolanda Capra, widow of Guy Capra petitioning for Widow's Disability Pension.

Entertain a motion to move request to Pension Plan A.

Commissioner Marshal moved, Commissioner Russo second; all in favor I's have it.

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

- a. Captain Kyle Gardiner

President Rosenberg asked if Captain Gardiner wanted an Executive Session, he declined. Captain Gardiner advised he has surgery scheduled next week, expects to be out of work for at least 8 weeks.

Entertain a motion to table to March's Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.

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

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

****Add to the Agenda:**

Entertain a motion to add Deputy Chief Anthony Petrucelli's widow Janet Petrucelli to the Agenda and refer to Pension Plan A.

Commissioner Marshall motioned, Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

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

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

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

Due to a large fire today, Deputy Chief Edwards was not able to run the Payroll Register.

Entertain a motion to have January's Payroll Register reviewed at February's Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

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

- 9) Policy and Procedure review:

Deputy Chief Edwards brought Commissioners up to date on a few key items:

- a. (12) new FF Recruits will be starting the CT Fire Academy on 2/5/18
- b. Chief Thode is in Wisconsin, we anticipate a new Engine for Central Avenue house.
- c. Resumes are in for the City's Nurse Practitioner to replace Donna who performs the medical evaluations for the department.

- 10) 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 adjourned at 6:23PM

Next Meeting: February 21, 2018
Fire Headquarters, 2nd Floor
30 Congress St., Bridgeport, CT

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