

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

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

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Rosenberg called to order at 6:20 PM

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

FF M. Kent Stillwagon  
FF Gregory Jackson  
FF Herbert Wilcox  
FF Trainee Anthony Colacino  
FF Philip Neubich  
CT Michael Godzak  
FF Jeffrey Holt  
CT Theo Adams

**Roll Call:** Gail Bottillo read roll call.

**Minutes:**

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

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

*\*\*DC Rolfe entered into meeting returning from a structure fire\*\**

**Old Business:**

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

Per Union President, Bob Whitbread, City needs to bring to Common Council to be ratified. Requesting to table to June's Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.

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

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

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

Per Union President, Bob Whitbread, this will be moving to the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration (SBMA).

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

Per Union President, Bob Whitbread requesting to table to June's Board of Fire Commissioner's Meeting.

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

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

- 4) Local 834 Grievance, 2018-2, Article 6 & Article 39, Appendix G, Drug Testing, requiring employees to take a drug test during a physical.

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

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

- 5) Local 834 Grievance, 2018-3, Article 6 & Article 20, Appendix D, members of the Fire Marshal Division where incorrectly paid.

Per Union President, Bob Whitbread, moving to the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration (SMBA).

#### **New Business:**

- 1) Entertain a motion to grant Vera Cocco, widow of retired Firefighter, Kenneth Root a Widow's Pension Request, effective April 15, 2018 and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A for implementation.

*DC Rolfe advised the item was voted on by the Board of Trustees last month, however, it was not properly referred, therefore it was put back on the Agenda for May to be re-voted.*

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

- 2) Entertain a motion to remove Dorothy Schmidt, deceased May 1, 2018 from the Widow'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.

- 3) Entertain a motion to remove Mary Bilichka, deceased May 6, 2018 from the Widow's Pension list and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

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

- 4) Local 834 Grievance, 2018-4, Article 6 & Article 38, members of the BFD covered by CBA were given a physical that was not the physical which has been negotiated with the COB and that this action be stopped and all employees affected by this action be made whole.

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

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

- 5) Local 834 Grievance, 2018-5, Article 6, order member to submit a Fit for Duty evaluation and sign medical release.

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

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

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

- a) Capt. Kyle Gardiner

Per DC Edwards, Captain Gardiner not available, has doctor's appointment on Tuesday, 5/22/2018 and believes he will be returning to full duty on that day.

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

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

- b) PE Michael DeFranzo

Per DC Edwards, PE DeFranzo has advised him he has a Return to Work date of 6/18/2018.

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

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

c) FF Jose Torres

FF Torres declined an Executive Session. FF Torres started physical therapy on 5/14/18, next doctor's appointment is 6/4/2018. Currently has a back to work date of 7/17/2018.

Entertain a motion to table to June's Board of Fire Commissioner's meeting for an update on his condition.

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

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

DC Edwards was at a structure fire this afternoon, could not run the Sick & Injury Report. Entertain a motion to table May's Sick & Injury at the June Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.

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

8) Entertain a motion to accept the Payroll Register.

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

9) Policy and Procedure review:

a. Chief Thode will address the Board on Key Issues.

- NexGen new dispatch system initiated 5/8/2018. Lieutenants have been detailed to the ECC for 30 days, 24/7 to assist in the transition.
- 1 FF Recruit was terminated from the Academy by the Civil Service Commission.
- 10 Recruits will be graduating from the Academy on 5/24/2018.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:34PM

**Next Meeting:            June 20, 2018**  
**Fire Headquarters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**30 Congress St., Bridgeport, CT**

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