

MEETING MINUTES - BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 21, 2021 – 11:00 AM

Meeting ID: 994 4925 0236

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 11:01 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

3. Moment of silence for US Firefighter Line-Of-Duty deaths:

Firefighter/Paramedic Dennis Bender

Firefighter Peyton Morse

Firefighter/EMT Brian Mixon

Chief Chester Riley

Firefighter Jared Lloyd

Captain Charles Miller, Jr.

Fire Police Officer Laura Madara

Roll Call: Commissioners Rosenberg, J. Russo, C. Saunders-Maignan, J. Larcheveque, J. Meszoros*, DC Edwards, DC Buck. **Commissioner Meszoros entered the meeting at 11:05 AM*

Absent: W. Marshall, J. Herron

4. Minutes:

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

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

5. Old Business:

- i. Local 834 Grievance, 2021-1 Article 6, Adjustment of Grievance Procedure and Civil Service Provisions of the Charter when the City failed to promote in a timely fashion and the members impacted be made whole (wages and seniority date to be retroactive to the date they should have been promoted).

Local 834 advised they have reached a settlement with Labor Relations. Awaiting formal agreement; once received Local 834 will withdraw the Grievance.

Entertain a motion to table to May Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting.

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

- ii. Local 834 Grievance, 2021-3 Article 6, Adjustment of Grievance and Article 13 Injury Leave for LT Prior where PMA denied coverage and made whole.

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6. New Business:

- i. Entertain a motion to remove Jean Casey, Widow of retired Provisional Captain Joseph Casey deceased March 6, 2021 from the Firefighters Pension List and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

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

- ii. Entertain a motion to remove Wallace C. Thomas Sr., retired Lieutenant, deceased March 20, 2021 from the Firefighters Pension List and refer to the appropriate City Agency for implementation.

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

7. Executive Session for attendance review of the following individuals:

• **LT John McMahon – Declined Executive Session**

LT McMahon provided an update on his medical status; next doctor's appointment is scheduled for 4/22/2021.

Entertain a motion to table to the May Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Larcheveque moved; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

• **FF Eriqye McCalla - Not In Attendance**

Entertain a motion to table to the May Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting; Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Saunders-Maignan second; all in favor: I's have it.

• **FF Angel Cintron – Declined Executive Session**

FF Cintron advised MRI was good; continue physical therapy for work conditioning. Next doctor's appointment on 5/23/2021.

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- **FF Alexander Daniels – Not in Attendance**

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- **FF Ryan Sullivan – Not in Attendance**

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- **FF Craig Morgan – Not in Attendance**

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- **FF Ronald Reed – Declined Executive Session**

FF Reed advised he was recently involved in a motor vehicle accident on his way from physical therapy and had sustained injuries causing further delay in his progress.

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- **FF Timothy Landock – Declined Executive Session**

FF Landock advised he had abdominal complications due to the liver donation from 2 years ago. His next doctor's appointment is 5/6/2021.

Entertain a motion to table to May Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Meszoros moved; Commissioner Larcheveque second; all in favor: I's have it.

- **FI James Zavodjancik – Declined Executive Session**

FI Zavodjancik advised he has pneumonia and pulmonary issues due to COVID-19.

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

Commissioner Meszoros moved to accept the Report of Sick and Injury; Commissioner Russo second; all in favor: I's have it.

9. Policy and Procedure review:

- Top 20 members from the Lieutenant's exam participated in a week log "boot camp" provided by the Special Services Division
- FEMA Grant received for 18 members to become certified Fire Instructors.
- BFD will be applying for a Port Security Grant for a new Zodiac Boat which will also include funds for maintenance.
- Civil Service Commissioner certified the Deputy Fire Marshal Exam. Robert Marrero to be promoted to Deputy Fire Marshal on 4/24/2021.
- 2/3's of the Department has been vaccinated and 41 members are trained to administer vaccinations to the City of Bridgeport civilians.

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

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

Meeting Ended 11:28 AM
Prepared: G. Bottillo