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# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

## Board of Fire Commissioners

### Special Meeting

September 11, 2014

Fire Company#4

7:30pm



Chet Bogacz.  
Kent E. Stoddard, Jr.  
Brian Gallagher  
Fire Commissioners

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Bogacz requested a moment of silence to remember all those who have passed on as a result of the 9/11 tragedy.

**III. Attendance**

Commissioners Bogacz, Gallagher & Stoddard  
Chief Chris Schroeder- Excused  
Asst. Chief Tom Lapierre, Excused  
Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis-Excused  
Deputy Chief Jeff Trommer, Deputy Chief Bob Regina  
Captain Brian Whalen, Captain Brian Tremaine  
Captain John Montano, Lt. Mike Iskra  
Lt. Chris Miner, Lt. Joe Lapierre, Lt. Kyle Roberts  
Dick Brown, Kevin Ziegler, Nico Carlone, Eric Fischl

**IV. Public Participation**

Captain Tremaine announced that Co.#4 is hosting the Department picnic on October 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:00 noon.  
Captain Tremaine also announced that Co.#4 has purchased 17 bricks along with five Co.#4 have purchased individual bricks also. He stated that he will be contacting the other companies to offer a challenge for them match their brick purchases.

**Communications**

August Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes  
August Town Manager's Report  
Fire Chiefs/Fire Marshal's Report-August 2014  
DAS Life Safety Achievement Award  
Department Annual Meeting notice  
Proclamation

**VI. Ledger Status**

Accepted as presented

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**VII. Old Business**

**Newington Life Cover-Received a great deal of positive attention.**

**9/11 Memorial update-Donations are on the upswing.**

**Locks-All in place-online.**

**Captain's Project-Nothing new.**

**Generator online & functioning.**

**Lighting Project-Co.#1 will be done this year.**

**Remaining firehouses to be completed on a year to year basis.**

**October Drill – Scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>. Drill credit will be given, remember to sign up.**

**Apparatus purchasing delay. In the meeting with Mayor Woods he indicated that no equipment purchase for the Fire Department will be delayed.**

**The Mayor also indicated that any change in the purchasing of anything for the Department, the Commission, the Chief will be notified. The new truck may be ordered/go out to bid in April of 2015.**

**VIII. New Business**

**Council representatives have not been attending meetings and they need to start.**

**We will be keeping the explorer staff vehicle and it will use for those attending classes at the academy or other fire department locations.**

**Concerning Myra Cohen's health, she is frail and is in Bel- Air Manor. She now is accepting visitors. We should keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Commission Gallagher suggested we look into do work around the house if possible.**

**The question of the Town Councils liaison's not attending BFC meetings, Commissioner Bogacz was told that if there is something of importance then they should be notified. He responded that at every meeting there is the potential of something being brought up on the floor, and by their absence, it can't be addressed in a timely fashion. He will be contacting the party chairmen.**

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**IX. Public Participation**

None

**X. Commissioner's Remarks**

**Commissioner Stoddard addressed the national award the Department has won. The reason for the recognition is that our Fire Marshal and his staff and along with Fire Prevention Bureau are doing an excellent job.**

**Commissioner Stoddard also wanted to congratulate the newest member of Co.#2, Melanie Depamphilis. A very welcome addition.**

**Commissioner Gallagher had high praise for the men who participated in the Cedar Mountain rescue. They did a wonderful job.**

**XI. Executive Session**

**The Board recessed for Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. They adjourned at 21:30 hours.**

**XII. Adjournment**