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# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

## Board of Fire Commissioners

March 11, 2021

Company 1 Firehouse

1485 Main Street

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm



Brian Whalen  
Brian Gallagher  
Kent E. Stoddard, Jr.  
Fire Commissioners

### Minutes

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- I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Commission Chairman Gallagher. Meeting began with Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.
- II. **Attendance** – Commissioner’s Brian Gallagher, Kent Stoddard, Brian Whalen, Chief Jeff Trommer, Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre, Deputy Chief Bob Regina, Deputy Chief Jack Nesklada, Nicholas Carlone, Walter Brideaux, Crystal Trommer, John Montano, Guy Pelletier, Council Liaison Chris Miner, Council Liaison Tim Manke, Kevin Ziegler
- III. **Public Participation** – Kevin Ziegler thanked the commission for the jackets that the department received. Mentioned that it would be nice to order summer items for the department as it has been awhile since new items were purchased. John Montano welcomed Commission Chairman Brian Gallagher back and also thanked the commission for the jackets.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve the February 11, 2021 minutes and the executive session February 17, 2021 minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Whalen.
- V. **Communications** – Monthly Reports  
Membership update  
  
A motion was made by Commissioner Stoddard to accept all communications seconded by Commissioner Whalen.
- VI. **Ledger Status** – Ledger appears to right on schedule for this time of year. Commissioner Whalen spoke about the donation account. Money for jackets came out of budgeted awards night which could not be held and the donations account. Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to approve ledger status, seconded by Chairman Gallagher.
- VII. **Old Business** - Congratulations to Deputy Chief Jack Nesklada on appointment.  
  
Two Deputy Chief evaluations need to be done.  
  
Budget has been submitted and waiting on Town Council to approve.

Truck 2 is still being worked on. Meeting scheduled with Firematic on February 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss.

Waiting on two more Chief cars. Should be about two more months. Swapped the old explorer that was the Fire Departments staff vehicle with the Fire Marshalls expedition.

Marcus Communications and the State are working on proposals for radio system upgrade. Need to compare apples to apples on both proposals. Security is a big concern with new contract. The Town Manager and Paul Boutot are working on it from town side. There is a line item in the CIP budget for this.

VIII. **New Business** - Department Appreciation already discussed with the jackets.

Collin Whalen is on a leave in the Fire Marshalls Office. Temporary part time position posted for a day time position. If no candidates apply internally it will posted outside.

Three Staff Captain openings. Steve Regina has stepped down as Captain of the Safety Division, Peter Sweeney has stepped down as Captain of the Training Division, and there is a new Captain Rescue Training position open.

Review and update of rules and regulations - Commissioner Stoddard spoke about forming a committee for this. Assistant Chief Lapierre advised that he and representatives from most companies are working on this and they are about 50% through this. Assistant Chief Lapierre will continue with what he is doing.

IV. **Public Participation** - No public participation

X. **Comissioner Remarks** – Chairman Brian Gallagher told everyone that Company One was having a raffle for a leather helmet. Spoke about Covid restrictions being lifted but reminded everyone to still remember department protocols, fire houses are still off limits to the public.

Commissioner Whalen wished Jack Nesklada congratulations and wished him good luck. Couldn't be a better fit for the position with the responsibilities he has been given.

Commissioner Stoddard stated the Commission choose the best candidate for the job of Deputy Chief based on the process. They reviewed all material given to

them and Jack came out number one and he is congratulated for that. Department is moving forward nicely and appreciation is given to all members for this.

XI. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted by: Sherri Leghorn, Fire Department Secretary**