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Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Board of Fire Commissioners

October 14, 2021

Company 1 Firehouse

1485 Main Street

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm



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

Minutes

- 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 and Brian Whalen, Chief Jeff Trommer, Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre, Deputy Chief Nesklada, Deputy Chief Regina, Walter Brideaux, Cheryl Brideaux, Crystal Trommer, Fire Marshal DJ Zordan, Frank Demaio, Kirk Rosemond, John Montano, John Hoffman, Kathy Gallagher, Council Liaisons Chris Miner and Tim Manke, Councilman Michael Camillo.
- III. **Public Participation** – John Montano thanked Chairman Gallagher for his service to the Commission and wished him well.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Whalen made a motion to accept the September 9, 2021 minutes, seconded by Kent Stoddard. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Communications** – Monthly Reports

Commissioner Whalen went over all of the monthly reports
- VI. **Ledger Status** - Ledger status looks good. Motion to approve ledger status by Commissioner Whalen, 2nd by Commissioner Stoddard. Motion passed unanimously.
- VII. **Old Business** - Chief Trommer gave updates on the following:
 - Truck 2 moving forward, nothing new to report.
 - A meeting was held with the Town Manager, Paul Boutot and Chief Clark. Town Manager requested a report be submitted with a cut of 10%, 20% and 30%. Will do best to come up with report as requested.
 - Highway is working on the last Chief’s car, don’t expect anything to be done until after the leaf collection is completed.
 - Action was taken from executive session meeting on October 14, 2021. Commission Chairman Brian Gallagher stated that the Commissioners have made the decision to uphold Chief Trommer’s decision for Firefighter Manke to stay on probation until she gets

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her 2Q and to uphold the removal of her position as Staff Captain of Fire Prevention. Commissioner Whalen made a motion and Commissioner Stoddard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- VIII. **New Business** – Discussion stating that since Covid we have not been doing fire house inspections and they will be starting again in November.

Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief's evaluations will be done in November.

- IX. **Public Participation** – Attendees of the meeting thanked Chairman Gallagher for his years of Service to the Commission and stated what a great job he has done. He will be missed by all and wished good luck.

Fire Marshal Zordan introduced the new per diem Deputy Fire Marshal John Hoffman and said that one other per diem Deputy Fire Marshal had been hired but could not make the meeting.

Chief Trommer thanked the Fire Marshal's Office for sharing plans for new projects and spoke of how well both the Fire Department and the Fire Marshal's Office were working well together.

- X. **Commissioner Remarks** – Commissioner's Whalen and Stoddard both thanked Chairman Gallaher for his years of service on the Commission. Both stated it had been a pleasure working with him during his terms on the Commission and he will be missed.

Chairman Gallagher spoke about his time served on the commission. He thanked everyone and said although not everyone always agreed it came down to what was best for the department and politics were put to the side. He is always a phone call away.

A plaque was presented to Chairman Gallaher and cake was enjoyed by all.

- XI. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Whalen, 2nd by Commissioner Stoddard. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sherri Leghorn, Fire Department Secretary