



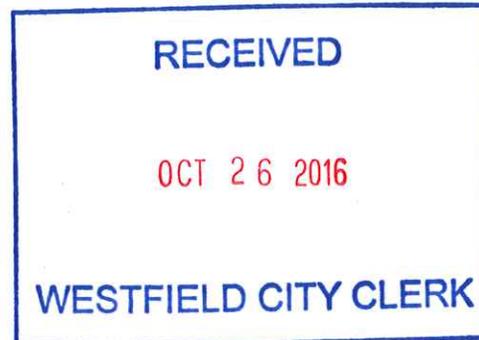
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
WESTFIELD FIRE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES



Date: June 6, 2016

Fire Commissioner Albert Masciadrelli called the meeting of the Westfield Fire Commission (hereinafter "WFC") of June 6, 2016 to order.

Location: Westfield City Hall
59 Court Street
Westfield, Massachusetts
Room 201
June 6, 2016 18:00 hours



All Commissioners are present.

READING OF THE RECORDS OF:

Fire Commissioner Albert Masciadrelli ascertained a motion to approve the Fire Commission Minutes of May 2, 2016.

Fire Commissioner Patrick Olearcek motioned to accept the May 2, 2016 regular session meeting minutes.

Fire Commissioner Carlo Bonavita seconded the motion.

Motion passed

The Commission took a brief recess at 18:02.

The meeting resumed at 18:04.

PRESENT:

Westfield Fire Commissioner Albert Masciadrelli, Westfield Fire Commissioner Carlo Bonavita and Westfield Fire Commissioner Patrick Olearcek. Deputy Chief Patrick Kane Jr (filling in for fire Chief Regan), Fire Captain Paul Lentini. Firefighters Brian McEwan, Matt Marchesi, Joe Manfredi, Mike Szenda, Joe Szenda, Niles Lavalley and Keith Lemon.

MINUTES TAKEN:

Ms.Christie Fillion, Westfield Fire Department (hereinafter "WFD") Principal Data Entry Clerk.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: N/A

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

- a. Introduction -- Commissioner Masciadrelli, on behalf of the Commission, expressed thanks to all members of the Fire Department for their extraordinary service since the last meeting was held.

He also expressed thanks to the WFD Committee for planning the 2016 Ball which was held on June 4, 2016. This was an extraordinary social event with reminiscing of old stories and the experience included current, senior firefighters along with retired firefighters. The event was long overdue. In the past, other events were organized such as the baseball team, golfing events, and deep sea fishing. Commissioner Masciadrelli stated he hopes this won't be the last event like this as this brings everyone together.

- b. Late Communications -- N/A

- c. Letters & Communications -- Deputy Chief Pat Kane Jr. read a thank you letter written by the family of a gentleman who was involved in a rollover accident involving the dump truck he was operating on May 18, 2016 on the MA Pike. The following members of B group responded: Deputy Fire Chief Hart, Fire Captain Chuck Warren, Firefighters Tom Greene, Curt Gezotis, Dave Avezzie, Mark Oleksak, Jay Lakoma, Tim Black and Pat Scanlon.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

- a. "Awards of Certificates of Recognition & Medals" Issued by Western MA Emergency Medical Services -- Six firefighters from D Group, Fire Captain Paul Lentini, Firefighters Connor Hedge, Niles Lavalley, Keith Lemon, Matt Marchesi and former WFD Firefighter Jack Johnson (now active in Plymouth, MA, FD), received a Certificate of Recognition for saving a man's life. Captain Lentini explained the engine and an ambulance responded to an auto accident on Toledo Ave. Once on scene, they found the man's wife performing CPR on her husband. He has a known heart condition and suffered a heart attack while driving. The wife had been able to steer the vehicle and hit a tree.

Firefighter Matt Marchesi stated that this was the first of three people who went into cardiac arrest and they were able to treat these patients. These three patients walked out of the hospital after their ordeal.

Deputy Fire Chief Kane Jr presented the certificates to the 5 firefighters present at the meeting. Jack Johnson's certificate and medal was mailed to him at his Plymouth, MA address.

- b. MA Fire Academy Class (Springfield Campus) -- Firefighters Willard Kopatz, Zack Florek, and Nicholas Gezotis will be attending the academy at the Springfield campus starting on September 7, 2016 and graduating December 14, 2016.
- c. MA Fire Academy Graduation Ceremony – The graduating ceremony for Firefighters Eric Liptak and Michael Sedlak is being held on June 7, 2016 at the Springfield campus. Deputy Fire Chief Egloff and Fire Commissioner Masciadrelli will be attending the graduation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Contract Agreements between City and Local 1111 – Deputy Kane Jr. reported negotiations are still ongoing.
- b. Contract Agreements between City and WFD Supervisors Association -- Deputy Kane Jr. reported the next scheduled meeting is Friday and should be finalized soon.
- c. WFD Little River Fire Station 2 Upgrades – The Finance Committee voted 3 to 0 to support the upgrade. The City Council voted unanimously. Ground breaking will begin shortly and this project should take 9 months to complete. A trailer will be brought to the lot for WFD personnel to live in during this time.
- d. FY17 Budget Process – A Finance Meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2016.
- e. HRD Certification Civil Service List Number 03318 Fire Captains – Right now there are 2 temporary-filled vacancy slots. Personnel Department is conducting an investigation and a list will be created from the resource list when the investigation is completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Department Personnel Photo Initiative – Commissioner Masciadrelli spoke about receiving requests for having group pictures taken. The best time to have this done would be when the new firefighters return from the academy.
- b. Upcoming Grants – Chief Regan is waiting to hear the response in regards to the AFG grant for the new gear.
- c. City Contract Signature Authority – Deputy Andy Hart would be the signing authority for contracts followed by the Commissioners

Commissioner Masciadrelli ascertained a motion to approve the signature authority.

Commissioner Olearcek made the motion to accept the signature authority.

Commissioner Bonavita seconded the motion.

Fire Commission Chairman asked for a roll call vote.

Fire Commissioner Albert Masciadrelli	Yes
Fire Commissioner Patrick Olearcek	Yes
Fire Commissioner Carlo Bonavita	Yes

Roll Call: YES (3) NO (0)

Motion Pass

REPORTS FROM THE WFD:

- a. Integrity Status/Report – N/A
- b. Personnel Out of Work Report – Deputy Kane Jr. reported 2 employees are out sick, 2 are injured and 1 of them is close to coming back to work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

MOTION:

The Fire Commission Chairman ascertained a motion to adjourn the WFC meeting of June 6, 2016.

Westfield Fire Commissioner Olearcek made a motion to adjourn.

Fire Commissioner Bonavita seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yes (3) No (0)

Motion Pass

Time 18:35

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Olearcek
Secretary, Westfield Fire Commission
PO/ajm/caf

