

**SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT
445 RANDOLPH ROAD
MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457**

Board of Fire Commissioners
Annual Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom – Meeting I.D. 848 6066 2512

Present: Commissioners Kleckowski, Thazhampallath, Giuliano, and Penney; Chief Howley

Absent: Commissioner Bartolotta

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairwoman Kleckowski called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. READING OF THE LEGAL NOTICE

Recording Secretary Alyse McEwen read the Legal Notice for the Annual Meeting as posted in the Hartford Courant and the Middletown Press on January 22, 2021 (copy attached). The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to report the fiscal affairs for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

4. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Vice-Chairwoman Kleckowski opened the public session at 6:38 p.m. No one wished to speak.

5. CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION

Vice-Chairwoman Kleckowski closed the public session at 6:38 p.m.

6. ACCOUNTING OF FISCAL AFFAIRS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

MOTION to approve the executed Independent Auditor's Report/Financial Statements as of June 30, 2020 as filed with the State of Connecticut/Office of Policy and Management in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes by Comm. by Giuliano/Comm. Kleckowski. Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Giuliano added that the approved Audit Report is the official report filed with OPM (as amended by Charles T. Costello following the December 14, 2020 regular monthly meeting) and is on file at the South Fire District, posted on the South Fire District website, and available for public inspection.

7. ELECTION OF COMMISSIONER

MOTION to recess the meeting to reconvene on April 27, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Kleckowski. Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Giuliano emphasized that the April 27, 2021 meeting will reconvene with this February 1, 2021 agenda and resume with "Election of Commissioner."

RECESS

The meeting was recessed at 6:42 p.m. and will reconvene on April 27, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

RECONVENE

Chairwoman Bartolotta called to order the reconvened Annual Meeting of February 1, 2021.

Present: Commissioners Bartolotta, Kleckowski, Giuliano, and Penney; Chief Howley; Deputy Chief Jacobs; Fire Department members and members of the public.

Absent: Commissioner Thazhampallath

Votes were tallied and announced as:

59 votes for George M. Hejna
379 votes for Philip J. Pessina
168 votes for William Wilson

Absentee votes were as follows:

1 vote for George M. Hejna
6 votes for Philip J. Pessina
4 votes for William Wilson

Final votes, therefore, are as follows:

60 votes for George M. Hejna
385 votes for Philip J. Pessina
172 votes for William Wilson

Chairwoman Bartolotta announced Philip J. Pessina has been elected to fill the Commissioner vacancy until the 2026 Commissioner election, commencing April 27, 2021 at 12:00 noon.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Kleckowski. Unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by,

Alyse McEwen
Recording Secretary

APPROVED 5/10/21