

SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT
445 Randolph Road | Middletown, CT

Board of Fire Commissioners
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 12, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at the firehouse and via Zoom - Meeting I.D. 886 7226 3553

Present: Commissioners Kleckowski, Giuliano, Thazhampallath, Penney, and Pessina.
Chief James Trzaski, staff members.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kleckowski called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited

3. ACCEPT/AMEND AGENDA

MOTION to accept the agenda as presented by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Pessina.

MOTION to amend the agenda to add *12. d Affirmative Action*, action by Comm. Penney/Comm. Thazhampallath.

Voting was as follows:

Commissioner Kleckowski	Nay
Commissioner Giuliano	Nay
Commissioner Thazhampallath	Nay
Commissioner Penney	Aye
Commissioner Pessina	Nay

The motion failed with four Nays and one Aye.

MOTION to amend the agenda to add *12. e CT Fire Services Study* by Comm. Penney/Comm. Thazhampallath.

Voting was as follows:

Commissioner Kleckowski	Nay
Commissioner Giuliano	Nay
Commissioner Thazhampallath	Nay
Commissioner Penney	Aye
Commissioner Pessina	Nay

MOTION to amend the agenda to add *12. d Public Discussion Opportunities* by Comm. Penney/Comm. Giuliano. Unanimously approved.

MOTION to approve the agenda as amended by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Kleckowski. Unanimously approved.

4. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Commissioner Kleckowski opened the public session at 7:19 p.m. There were no members of the public in attendance.

5. CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION

Commissioner Kleckowski closed the public session at 7:19 p.m.

6. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

a. REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2022

b. BUDGET MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2022

MOTION to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2022 and the budget meeting of June 14, 2022 by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Pessina.

A discussion took place regarding how detailed minutes should be was discussed.

MOTION to divide the question by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Kleckowski. Unanimously approved.

Voting for the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2022 was as follows:

Commissioner Kleckowski	Aye
Commissioner Giuliano	Aye
Commissioner Thazhampallath	Nay
Commissioner Penney	Nay
Commissioner Pessina	Aye

The motion passed with three Ayes and two Nays.

MOTION to approve the minutes of the budget meeting of June 14, 2022 was unanimously approved.

7. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS

a. REFUNDS: JUNE 2022: \$229.55; JULY 2022: \$200.50; AUGUST 2022: \$6,141.40

MOTION to approve tax refunds for June 2022 valued at \$229.55, July 2022 valued at \$200.50, and August 2022 valued at \$6,141.40 by Comm. Thazhampallath/ Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved.

b. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS: JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 2022

MOTION to accept the tax collector's reports for the months of June, July, and August 2022 by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. MONTHLY EXPENSE DETAIL: MAY AND JUNE 2022

MOTION to approve the Monthly Expense Detail for May and June of 2022 by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved.

b. MONTHLY EXPENSE DETAIL: JULY AND AUGUST 2022

MOTION to approve the Monthly Expense Detail for July and August of 2022 by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved.

c. PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL: JULY 2021 THROUGH JUNE 2022

MOTION to approve the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual for July 2021 through June 2022 by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved.

d. PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL: JULY 2022

MOTION to approve the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual for July 2022 by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved.

e. PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL: JULY THROUGH AUGUST 2022

MOTION to approve the Profit & Loss vs. Actual for July through August 2022 by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved.

f. CASH BALANCE REPORTS: JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 2022

MOTION to approve the Cash Balance Reports for June, July, and August 2022 by Comm. Thazhampallath/Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 2022

Chief Trzaski gave an overview of his reports and answered questions of the Commission.

10. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

a. PENSION COMMITTEE: COMMISSIONER KLECKOWSKI

A Pension Committee meeting will probably take place in October or November. Commissioner Kleckowski will notify the commission of the date/time when it has been determined.

b. PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS: COMMISSIONER GIULIANO

Commissioner Giuliano provided an update of the Public Safety Telecommunications meetings.

c. RIVERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE: COMMISSIONER PESSINA

Commissioner Pessina provided an update on the project.

11. OLD BUSINESS

a. HEALTH INSURANCE FOR RETIREES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS - Nothing to report.

b. LYCEUM ROAD

Lyceum Road is open and the new drainage is working well.

c. SUMNER BROOK

Chief Trzaski provided an update on a meeting he had with Chris Holden, Deputy Director of Public Works.

12. NEW BUSINESS

a. ENTRY LEVEL FIREFIGHTER POSITION

FF Tirrell Cox has been hired effective today.

b. DEPUTY CHIEF POSITION

MOTION to post the Deputy Chief position in-house by Comm. Pessina/Comm. Giuliano.

Voting was as follows:

Commissioner Kleckowski	Aye
Commissioner Giuliano	Aye
Commissioner Thazhampallath	Nay
Commissioner Penney	Nay
Commissioner Pessina	Aye

The motion passed with three Ayes and two Nays.

c. FIREHOUSE GUTTERS/FLOODING

Chief Trzaski explained the problem with the gutters/flooding and the possible remedies.

d. PUBLIC DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITIES

MOTION to postpone the discuss of public discussion opportunities until the October meeting by Comm. Pessina/Comm. Giuliano (with the strong recommendation that the Chairwoman consider experimenting with a second public hearing at the October meeting).

Voting was as follows:

Commissioner Kleckowski	Aye
Commissioner Giuliano	Aye
Commissioner Thazhampallath	Aye
Commissioner Penney	Nay
Commissioner Pessina	Aye

The motion passed with four Ayes and one Nays.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn by Comm. Pessina/Comm. Giuliano. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Submitted by,

Alyse McEwen
Recording Secretary

Approved 10/11/22

The recording of this meeting is available upon request, according to Connecticut Freedom of Information requirements.