

**SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT**  
**445 Randolph Road | Middletown, CT**

**Board of Fire Commissioners**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Held at the firehouse and via Zoom**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Present:** Commissioners Kleckowski, Giuliano, Pessina, Gregorio, and Thazhampallath (arrived at 7:06 p.m.);  
Chief Trzaski, Deputy Chief Fischer

● **AGENDA ITEM 3) ACCEPT/AMEND AGENDA**

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

● **AGENDA ITEM 6) REVIEW OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**MOTION** to accept the Independent Auditor's Report as of June 30, 2025, as presented, and to authorize Costello Company, LLC to file the Independent Auditor's Report/Financial Statements as of June 30, 2025 with the State of Connecticut/Office of Policy and Management in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes by Comm. Pessina/Comm. Giuliano. Unanimously approved.

● **AGENDA ITEM 8 a) TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS / TAX REFUNDS – MARCH 2026**

**MOTION** to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$15,891.19 for the Month of March 2026 by Comm. Pessina/Comm. Giuliano. Unanimously approved.

● **AGENDA ITEM 12 b) DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE CHANGE OF PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED BUDGET MEETING DATES AND REFERENDUM**

**MOTION** to accept the proposed budget meeting/referendum dates in Option 1 as presented:

- Budget Referendum                      Tuesday, June 9, 2026                      8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Budget Workshop                        Thursday, May 14, 2026                      6:00 p.m.
- Public Hearing                              Thursday, May 21, 2026                      6:00 p.m.
- Budget Meeting                            Thursday, May 21, 2026                      *(immediately following the  
(adopt budget/set mill rate)                      public hearing)*
- A public notice will be published in the Middletown Press on April 20<sup>th</sup> to announce new budget meeting and referendum dates. Include wording that applications for Abs will be accepted starting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon.
- A legal notice will be published in the Middletown Press between May 30<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup> (5-10 days prior to referendum).
- The budget referendum reminder will be mailed to all residents of the district on June 1<sup>st</sup> or June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

● **AGENDA ITEM 13) NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Gregorio asked that the Pension Committee be reinstated to include Chief Trzaski as the facilitator, himself as a member of the fire commission, Kathy Kiley as recording secretary, and two Local 3918 members to be determined.

**MOTION** to establish a Pension Committee as Commissioner Gregorio described as a standing sub-committee of the Board of Fire Commissioners by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved.

- **AGENDA ITEM 14) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** to go into executive session pursuant to Statutes Section 1-200(6)(A) and Section 1-225(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, to conduct a performance review of the deputy fire chief by Comm. Kleckowski/Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved.

Executive session ended at 8:00 p.m. No action was taken.

- **AGENDA ITEM 17) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Thazhampallath. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Submitted by,

*Alyse McEwen*

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Recording Secretary