

SOUTH FIRE DISTRICT
445 Randolph Road | Middletown, CT

Board of Fire Commissioners
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Held at the firehouse and via Zoom - Meeting I.D. 864 0421 6915

Present: Commissioners Kleckowski, Giuliano, Pessina, and Gregorio; Chief Trzaski, Deputy Chief Fischer, staff members

Absent: Commissioner Thazhampallath

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Kleckowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

3. ACCEPT/AMEND AGENDA

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

4. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION – ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Chairwoman Kleckowski opened the public session at 7:01 p.m. No one wished to speak.

5. CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION Chairwoman Kleckowski closed the public session at 7:01 p.m.

6. MINUTES TO BE ACCEPTED

a. Regular Monthly Meeting of June 10, 2024

The minutes were accepted as presented.

b. Budget Meeting of June 18, 2024

The minutes were accepted as presented.

7. TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORTS – JUNE 2024

a. Refunds: \$1,498.38

MOTION to accept refunds for June 2024 in the amount of \$1,498.38 by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Gregorio. Unanimously approved.

b. Acceptance of the Tax Collector’s Reports

The Tax Collector’s Reports were accepted as presented.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – JUNE 2024

Chief Trzaski and Deputy Chief Fischer provided an overview of the administrative reports.

MOTION to keep the current firefighter candidate list active for a minimum of one year and a maximum of two years at the discretion of the commission, the chief, and the deputy chief by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

a. Building Committee: Commissioner Thazhampallath

Chief Trzaski gave a brief update in Commissioner Thazhampallath's absence. A lot of behind-the-scenes planning is being done in preparation for the groundbreaking.

b. Pension Committee: Commissioner Gregorio

Commissioner Gregorio advised that the next committee meeting is being planned for September.

c. Public Safety Telecommunications: Commissioner Giuliano

Commissioner Giuliano provided an overview of the presented report.

d. Riverfront Redevelopment Update: Commissioner Pessina

Commissioner Pessina provided a brief update on Tate's Restaurant. Chief Trzaski advised the Commission that a letter of support for the new public safety dock grant has been submitted, as requested by the harbormaster.

10. OLD BUSINESS None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Builders' Risk Insurance Policy

MOTION to cancel the 9/13/2023-9/13/2024 Builders' Risk Insurance Policy (Policy #CIM 5568688) and approve a 12-Month Replacement Builders' Risk Insurance Policy for Phase II of the Building Renovation Project by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Gregorio. Unanimously approved.

b. Economic Development Updates

Chairwoman Kleckowski provided an update on the Eversource property which has been sold. Construction has begun and will include soccer fields, an open air market, a barber shop, offices, and more.

12. OPEN PUBLIC SESSION – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chairwoman Kleckowski opened the public session at 7:28. No one wished to speak.

13. CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION

Chairwoman Kleckowski closed the public session at 7:28 p.m.

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 performance reviews for Chief James Trzaski and Chief Nicholas Fischer by Comm. Pessina/Comm. Gregorio. Unanimously approved.

The commission entered into executive session at 7:29. Present: Commissioners Kleckowski, Giuliano, Pessina, and Gregorio; Chief Trzaski and Deputy Chief Fischer.

MOTION to end executive session by Comm. Giuliano/Comm. Pessina. Unanimously approved.

15. CALL BACK TO ORDER

Chairwoman Kleckowski called the meeting back to order at 8:18 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by,

Alyse McEwen

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Recording Secretary

ACCEPTED 8/12/24

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