

Regular Meeting of the
Board of TFD Fire Commissioners

DRAFT -- Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2021
Thompsonville Fire Station, 35 N. Main Street, Enfield, CT

1. Call to Order: by Comm. Perry at 7:03 pm.

2. Roll Call: present were Comm. Perry, Comm. Gillespie, and Comm. Pliszka. Absent were Comm. Bouthiette and Comm. Dodd. Also, present were Chief Deskis and Department Secretary Steneri.

3. Chief's Report:

Chief Deskis said our new CPA's name is Lisa Foy. She came to the station on Friday to go over some things with Kellie. She has also spoken with Theresa about the Commission's expectations. So, we are moving forward with that.

Chief Deskis said the bell pad is finished. There are a few things that need to be done to the bell itself such as cleaning and polishing. Captain K. Pliszka and Firefighter DeMur are working on the plaque. Comm. Perry asked if there is going to be a dedication ceremony. Chief Deskis said yes, we will have one.

Chief Deskis said the kitchen floor will be finished this Friday. The new ice machine has been delivered. It is going to be installed where the smaller sink is in the kitchen.

Chief Deskis said Squad 21 now has a radiator leak. The repairs will cost around \$6,000-7,000. We are waiting for parts to repair Ladder 21's cylinder leak. There is also an issue with Ladder 21 shocking people when they touch the apparatus. Our apparatus budget is almost used up already. We will have to use the equipment repair budget if needed.

Chief Deskis said the lights and radios are being installed in the Tahoe. It should be in service in about a month.

Chief Deskis said overtime has been a big issue lately. There is a member that has been out sick which creates overtime every time for his shift. There are vacations which cause overtime as well. Another member is going to have a surgical procedure and he will be out for several months.

Chief Deskis said the department has been awarded 2 grants. One grant is from the State of CT for fire investigation equipment. The other grant is from the Heroes' Fund for bunker gear. The grant will pay half of the cost for a set of bunker gear.

Chief Deskis said the department has been busy lately and the department members are doing a great job.

Chief Deskis said Warehouse Point is doing a dedication for their new station on September 18th. The station is being dedicated to one of its members that passed away.

Chief Deskis said Sue's Alterations is having a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 30th. Light refreshments will be served.

4. Public Communications:

None.

5. Commissioners' Communications:

None.

6. Old Business:

None.

7. New Business:

None.

8. Approval of Minutes from August 18 regular meeting:

MOTION to accept the minutes of the August 18 regular meeting made by Comm. Gillespie, seconded by Comm. Perry. Discussion: none. Roll Call- Motion passed 3-0.

Comm. Perry asked is there anything that needs to be discussed before we enter Executive Session. Firefighters Piacentini and Barone gave an update from the apparatus committee.

9. Executive Session: a) Pending Litigation: Water Mains, b) Chief Personnel Issues:

MOTION to enter Executive Session made by Comm. Perry, seconded by Comm. Gillespie. Discussion: none. Roll Call- Motion passed 3-0. All Commissioners present, Chief Deskis, and Dept. Secy. Steneri entered Executive Session at 7:14 pm.

Returned from Executive Session at 7:40 pm.

No action taken.

10. Adjourn:

MOTION to adjourn made by Comm. Gillespie, seconded by Comm. Perry. All in favor by ayes at 7:41 pm.