

# **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE WAREHOUSE POINT FIRE DISTRICT**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday May 7, 2018**

**Station 138**

**89 Bridge Street**

**East Windsor, CT 06088**

**Time: 7**

**Call to Order: 7:02**

**Attendance Vic DeCapua, Kevin Clynych, Kirk Montstream, Terry Waller, Louis Flynn**

**Added Agenda Items: FSM, Motion to add FSM Terry Waller, Louis Flynn second. All in favor**

**Treasurers Report: Discussion of report. Fire Marshal salary is over with two months left in the budget. We need to take a closer look at the Fire Marshal job/requirements.**

**Motion to approve treasurer report as presented Terry Waller, Louis Flynn second. All in favor**

**FSM Resolution: Louis Flynn put in writing a resolution of FSM employees. Louis Flynn read the resolution to the commission. (*Resolution: 1. All FSM assisting the WHPFD shall be part time employees of the WHPFD. 2. While on duty, said FSM shall be under the direction of the chief and officers of the WHPFD. In the absent of any such officer, the senior FSM shall be in charge pending arrival of a Fire Department officer. 3. No officer or Commissioner of the WHPFD shall have any supervisory capacity re: said FSM, nor shall they criticize the FSM in any manner. Any problem shall be reported to the WHPFD commission in writing. 4. Any complaint made by any FSM shall be made in writing to the Chairman of the WHPFD.*)**

**Discussion of protocol for FSM. Chief Barton, the handbook states that the complaints are to go to the Fire Chief. If you go with this resolution, you are undermining the chain of command. Lou Flynn- You are not handling the complaints, you have lost a lot of FSM. Chief- who left?**

**Kevin- Only the complaints not handled should come to the commission. Glen Moule had a personal vendetta against Jim Barton. He dug this up for personal reasons. Rich- we do not have a personal department. We are a para military organization with order and rank. Vic- everyone should have both options, go to the chief or go to the commission. Kevin- you cannot have both, they are going to who favors them more. Terry- you need to give them due process. Kevin- we have always had due process. Rich- the other issue is that something happens tomorrow, the next meeting is a month away, what happens then? Vic- we can call a special meeting if needed. Louis Flynn- If backfires when it goes to the chain of command and they are stonewalled. Louis- Hostel work environment. They will have the right to come to us. Chief- There is only one complaint that has come to the commission that I do not know about. Who are the people who quit? Rich- people shop for part time jobs. Terry- we need to do a better job with retention with both staff and the commission. Vic- Lets table the resolution until the next meeting.**

**Kevin- how is one complaint that has not hit the table yet, and we are all of a sudden a mess. Brian Ellis: We need a chain of command. The other night we have a call, I was the only FSM on the call. No one responded to the call. The call was at Rhode Way, it was a liability, and we did not have the staff. We need another way to communicate with problems. I went to the Chief, had a discussion, people are not coming back to the firehouse for calls. We get ridiculed for sitting around after we**

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have done our job. Steve- This glove worn by a firefighter when his glove melted on his hands. It is now May and nothing have been done about this. Tony- I have been around for 60 years, open your eyes. People do not want to do anything for nothing. Why are you blaming the chief? Chief- We need to look at the complaint procedure, I was never notified about the complaint. Jim Barton- It is not right to hold this over my head. You have not done the right thing from the start. Vic- you do not know what will come out in the investigation. Vic- we will discuss this later you and I. I do not want to bring this out in public. Lou- You need to worry about what you say when you are hanging around the firehouse. Chief- Where do we go with complaint about disrespect form the commission?

Clerks Report: Motion to accept 4/11/2018 Kirk Montstream, Louis Flynn second. All in favor  
Motion to accept 4/2/2018 Kirk Monstream, Louis Flynn second. All in favor  
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Chairperson Report: Communication from Glen Moule, he sent in his resignation letter. Glen stated he is leaving the commission for personal reason. Motion to accept the resignation Louis Flynn, Kevin Clynch second. All in favor

Annual Meeting- June 5 8:15 pm Tuesday

June 6<sup>th</sup>- 7:30 pm Wednesday

Motion to cancel the meeting on June 4 Terry Waller, Louis Flynn all in favor.

#### **Old Business:**

Station Reports: stations are good. We should give some money for fuel. He used his personal vehicle.

Casino-NA Bill- as of last Thursday they submitted a new plan for wetlands to the town planner. They are still moving forward.

Expansion of District- There was an article in the paper about the taxes and the fire district. They are going to investigate further with a subcommittee. Vic- we would be glad to hold a special meeting to discuss this issue. Louis- There is a big inequity, it is like Christmas morning for BBFD and they get everything they want and more. Dearborn's comments were horrible. The only way out is one fire department under the town the way this is going. The BOF is unfair to this side of town.

Roof- Station 2: There was a meeting last Friday; seven roofers showed up for the bid meeting. They will all submit their bids.

#### **New Business:**

Ladies Auxiliary- Deb from the Ladies Auxiliary is asking for permission to have a ride to school as a fundraiser. We will put any stipulation on the raffle. I think it will help raise a lot of money for the department. I have a list of events May 20<sup>th</sup>- ceremony for the veterans dedication. April 24 a family on Abby Road lost their house in a fire. We are going to have a Chicken Dinner on June 3 Sunday for the family; we are working with the park and rec department. Touch A Truck event July 14. The Ladies Auxiliary are purchasing a tablecloth with our name on it for all these events.

Open Commission Position- Louis Flynn makes a motion to hold off on the commission spot, Terry Waller second. Louis Flynn, Terry Waller, Kirk Montstream yes and Kevin-no

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**Fire Marshal Report- Rich- I still do not understand how \$49000.00 came in and cannot be used for the plan review of the project. I have a few issues with the Calamar plans. Discussion of the project. I have four applicants I can interview for the position of inspector. Motion to transfer 4000.00 from the inspection line to the fire marshal line Louis Flynn, Kevin Clynch second. All in favor**

**Kevin- we need to track the fuel report/maintenance of the fm vehicle**

**Motion to accept fire marshal report as presented Terry Waller, Louis Flynn second. All in favor**

**Fire Chief's Report: 31 calls**

**Major structure fire, total loss. Capt. Test given Saturday and the next step is chief interview.**

**Truck generator repaired. Annual safety inspections are coming up next month. I went to the BOS meeting the district was hammered by one of the BOS. We need to go to the next meeting and give them the correct information. I will assist in putting a presentation together to present to the BOS. Charlie- If you let me know I will add you onto the agenda. Then it can be a two-way conversation. Brian Ellis- Two individual that did something nice for the department and they should be recognized with a gift card.**

**Motion to have Terry Waller attend the interview process with Chief Vic DeCapua, Kirk Montstream second. All in favor**

**Correspondence-NA**

**Public Session-NA**

**Executive Session- NA**

**Adjournment motion to adjourn 9:09 Louis Flynn, Kevin Clynch second. All in favor**

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