

City of Bristol - Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes – Monday, February 27, 2020
1st Floor Meeting Room, City Hall

Attendees: Hon. Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Chairwoman
Anthony Benvenuto, Comm.
Dennis Crispino, Comm.

Dana Jandreau, Comm.
Harold Kilby, Comm.
Sean Moore, Comm.

Absent: Brittany Barney, Comm.

Item 1 - Called To Order

Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu called the February 27, 2020 Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Item 2 – Employee Recognition

Acting Chief Poggio read a letter regarding the actions taken by Firefighter Alan Rudolewicz at a structure fire. Followed by Firefighter Rudolewicz being presented with a commendation for his actions taken.

Item 3 – Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Item 4 - Approval of the minutes of the January 23, 2020 Fire Board Meeting

On a MOTION by Comm. Moore and SECONDED it was so moved to approve the minutes of January 23, 2020 meeting. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

Item 5 - Approval of the minutes of the February 14, 2020 Fire Board Meeting

On a MOTION by Comm. Moore and SECONDED it was so moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2020 meeting. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

Item 6 – Communications

There were no communications.

Item 7 – Review and Discussion of the Various Reports

On a MOTION by Comm. Jandreau and SECONDED it was so moved to approve the various reports.

Comm. Crispino asked about the reference to work being done at Headquarters. Acting Chief Poggio explained that there would be updating of the electrical components, mechanicals, doors, windows and other small items. The plans are currently being drawn up by the Architects. Following a voice vote Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

Item 8 – Review and Discussion of the Incident Summary Report

On a MOTION by Comm. Jandreau and SECONDED it was so moved to approve the incident summary report. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

Item 9 – Review and Discussion of the Chief's Report

On a MOTION by Comm. Jandreau and SECONDED it was so moved to approve the incident summary report.

Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu gave an update on PFAS foam and the current discussion regarding the replacement and disposal of the foam.

Comm. Jandreau asked why Bristol was no longer the leader of Task Force 55. Acting Chief Poggio explained that due to the retirement of Chief Kolakoski, New Britain Fire was willing to do it and that Bristol will assume the backup role.

Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

Item 10 – Committee Reports

Apparatus

No report.

Budget Committee

On a MOTION by Comm. Moore and SECONDED it was so moved to approve the transfer of \$10,542 to cover over expenditures and refer it to Board of Finance. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

A discussion and review of the budget took place.

On a MOTION by Comm. Benvenuto and SECONDED it was so moved to approve the Budget for FY'20/21 and refer it to Board of Finance. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Acting Chairman Moore declared the motion carried.

Building and Grounds Committee

No report

Health and Safety Committee

No report

Personnel Committee

On a MOTION by Comm. Jandreau and SECONDED it was so moved that LT. Mark Flynn be appointed to the position of Chief subject to the approval and confirmation of the Mayor and City Council.

Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu read from the Charter that governs the Fire Department; Sec. 42(i), and briefly reviewed 42(j) and (e) which are specific to the Chief of the Department and the appointment of the Chief.

Briefly discussed was the four (4) year contract and vacancies in the Department.

Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

City Council

No report

Strategic and Long Term Planning

Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu reported that the relocation of Engine 3 was being worked on and that a meeting of the strategic and long term committee should take place. Comm. Jandreau will be scheduling a meeting.

Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu excused herself from the meeting at 6:25 p.m., naming Comm. Moore as Acting Chairman.

Item 11 – Old Business

Comm. Jandreau passed out an SOP to the Commissioners which explains the divisions of the Department, the equipment and its locations.

Item 12 – New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

Item 13 – Adjournment

On a MOTION by Comm. Kilby and SECONDED it was so moved to adjourn the Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting at 6:30 p.m. and it was unanimously approved.

On a MOTION by Comm. Kilby and SECONDED it was so moved to rescind the motion to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Acting Chairman Moore declared the motion carried.

Following the motion to rescind the adjournment the Board proceeded to item 10 committee reports under budget, where the FY'20/21 budget was discussed and approved.

On a MOTION by Comm. Jandreau and SECONDED it was so moved to adjourn the Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting at 6:38 p.m. and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo-Ann Barrett
Recording Secretary Fire Board

cc: City Clerk
City Council
Local 773