

**City of Bristol - Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 28, 2019
1st Floor Meeting Room, City Hall**

Attendees: Hon. Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Chairwoman
Anthony Benvenuto, Comm.
Donald Goranson, Comm.

Dana Jandreau, Comm.
Sean Moore, Comm.
David Preleski, Comm.

Also Attending: Board of Finance Liaison Ron Burns

Absent: Sara Mangiafico, Comm.

Item 1 - Called To Order

Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu called the January 28, 2019 Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Item 2 – Employee Recognition

There were no employee recognitions this month.

Item 3 – Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Item 4 - Approval of the minutes of the December 17, 2018 Fire Board Meeting

On a MOTION by Comm. Goranson and SECONDED it was so moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2018 meeting. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

Item 5 – Communications

There were no communications.

Item 6 - Approval of the Various Reports

On a MOTION by Comm. Moore and SECONDED it was so moved to approve the various reports. Comm. Preleski asked why 60% of Station 3 calls were false alarms. Chief Kolakoski explained that there are many categories that fall under false alarms. Also discussed were monetary loses on the Station 5 report and problems with some of the firehouse buildings. Following a voice vote Chairman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

Item 7 - Approval of the Incident Summary Report

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

Item 8 - Approval of the Chief's Report

On a MOTION by Comm. Jandreau and SECONDED it was so moved to approve the Chief's report. A conversation ensued regarding **fire call volume increasing over last year's numbers**, and the decrease in short term sick time **since the adoption of the 24/7 schedule**. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

Item 9 – Committee Reports

Apparatus Committee – Chairman Goranson

Chairman Goranson reviewed the Apparatus and the Vehicle replacement schedules.

On a MOTION by Comm. Goranson and SECONDED it was so moved to approve both the revised Apparatus and Vehicle Replacement Schedules. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

Budget Committee – Chairman Goranson

Chairman Goranson also reviewed the Proposed FY 19/20 Budget and the 10 Year CIP.

On a MOTION by Comm. Goranson and SECONDED it was so moved to approve the revised 10 Year CIP and refer it to the Board of Finance. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

On a MOTION by Comm. Goranson and SECONDED it was so moved to ask the Finance Board to transfer \$4,300; \$4,000 from MV service and repairs into the tire account and \$300 from schooling and education into conference and membership account. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

Chairman Goranson explained that a gift of \$2,500 for the Hap Barnes Fire Safety Trailer was received from Betty Barnes.

On a MOTION by Comm. Goranson and SECONDED it was so moved that the \$2,500 be accepted into the revenue account and then appropriated into the specific fire trailer account and refer it to the Board of Finance. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried. She further asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Betty Barnes.

On a MOTION by Comm. Goranson and SECONDED it was so moved to approve the proposed FY'19/20 Budget and to refer it to the Board of Finance. Following a voice vote, in which there was no opposition, Chairman Zoppo-Sassu declared the motion carried.

Item 10 FOI Matters/Transparency

Chairwoman Zoppo-Sassu briefly explained FOI matters and how it pertains to the different Boards. A memo was included that all volunteer commissioners should read.

Item 11 – Old Business

No old business.

Item 12 – New Business

No new business

Item 13 – Adjournment

On a MOTION by Comm. Jandreau and SECONDED it was so moved to adjourn the Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting at 6:27 p.m. and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Barrett
Recording Secretary Fire Board

cc: City Clerk, City Council, Local 773