

Bristol Board of Fire Commissioner's Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 27, 2023 6pm City Hall West, Meeting Room 1

PRESENT: Mayor Caggiano
Council Member Andrew Howe
Commissioner Moore
Commissioner Joyce Ptak
Fire Chief Hart
Deputy Chief Dave Simard
Hal Kilby – via Zoom

ABSENT: Commissioner Jandreau

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Caggiano called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

2. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Chief Hart recognized Tower 1, Engines 5 & 1 for their success in helping an immobilized victim caught under a tree to be extracted, without harm, at 183 Hoover Avenue.

Captain Plaster and Lieutenant Jim Marks were recognized for their amazing training, demeanor and professionalism.

Multiple members participated in a Stair Climb race in Hartford. PFF Quist completed 32 floors in 5:19, PFF Steph Barry was the 1st Female to finish. Bristol won as the fastest competitor.

Bristol raised the most money for the Lung Association.

All officers and fire fighters received a standing ovation for their accomplishments at this meeting.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

4. COMMUNICATIONS – None

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Regular Fire Board Meeting - No changes, Motion Carried

02/27/23 Minutes - Approved

03/23/2023 Minutes – Approved

6. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

a. Tower 1

b. Engine 1

c. Engine 2

- d. Engine 3
- e. Engine 4
- f. Engine 5
- g. Fire Marshal's Office Report
- h. Mechanical Division
- i. Training

Chief Hart – 230 Calls. 6 Residential Fires. Received mutual aid.

Commissioner Ptak asked: “Where is Bristol receiving mutual aid from?” Chief Hart - “Terryville, Southington, and Plainville.”

Recruit Ogonowski is at the Academy and at the top of his class. He will graduate on May 24.

Specifications for the new engine/ladder are moving forward.

Commissioner Ptak asked about hand tools not being used. Chief Hart replied “the tools are held onto or donated elsewhere.”

All Monthly reports - Approved.

7. APPROVAL OF INCIDENT SUMMARY REPORTS

Commissioner Ptak asked about the Vehicle Replacement Plan. Chief Hart said “a Step-Down replacement plan is in place with the Comptroller Office.”

2011 Van would be first to be replaced by a new Chevrolet Tahoe.

Commissioner Ptak asked about the False Alarm Policy. Commercial properties are allowed 3 false alarms. After the 3rd, there is a \$90 per call charge for false alarms.

Approved.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

9. ADMINISTRATIVE STATUS UPDATE

Chief's Report:

OSHA investigated a fall to the pavement with a right arm fracture. There were no fines given or any citations.

Hopeful to secure 3 million dollars at the state of CT level.

Okee made a farewell tour through the city halls to say goodbye. Firefighter Hayden is awaiting for a 3 month old lab from Jacksonville, FL to be joining the force soon.

A live burn demonstration and cancer concerns are being addressed. Bristol is doing its best to reduce this exposure to the firefighters.

WFSB came to Bristol to do a segment about the Fire Department. Commissioner Ptak would like to be 'pinged' to be made aware of things such as this so as to be a part of it and see the great things happening in Bristol.

Approved.

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Building 3 committee report

Looking at the possibility of hiring a Construction Manager.

Permit Fees are waived for everything over 1 million Dollars.

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. Update on CIP and FY24 Budget

Waiting on 3 Million from the State of CT

Taxes will be higher to City of Bristol residents.

12. ADJOURN – Meeting was closed at 6:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: Sarah Ayotte

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