

**CITY OF NASHUA  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022**

**THE MEETING CAME TO ORDER AT 5:40 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kevin Burgess  
Paul Garant  
Gary Lambert  
Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja  
John Steere

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Chief Steve M. Buxton  
Assistant Chief William B. Atkinson

**STAFF NOT PRESENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Kerrigan  
Deputy Fire Chief James Kirk  
Deputy Fire Chief Mark Wholey  
President of Local 789 Thomas Wholey  
Captain Glenn Telgen  
FF Benjamin Eaton  
Members of Local 789  
Resident Bob Duffy

All stood as Commissioner Steere lead The Pledge of Allegiance.

A Moment of Silence was held for all those lost in the fire service.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (RE: NFR AGENDA ITEMS)**

Mr. Bob Duffy, 7 Brick Manor Drive, Nashua NH  
Stated that the organization is doing a great job

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Minutes:**

**22 117**                    **Wednesday, September 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **Communication(s):**

**22 118**    **From:**    **Hollis Fire Department**  
**Re:**        **Thank You – Mutual Aid**

**22 119**    **From:**    **Brookline Fire Department**  
**Re:**        **Thank You – Mutual Aid**

**22 120**    **From:**    **Bedford Fire Department**  
**Re:**        **Thank You – Mutual Aid**

**22 121**                    **From:**    **Nashua Police Department**  
**Re:**        **Thank You – Facility Use**

### **Report(s):**

**22 122**                    **Departmental Detail Expenditures Report**

**Motion** by Commissioner Lambert to accept and place on file, as presented, the Consent Agenda items as follows: 1.) The meeting minutes, 2.) The Communication(s) and 3.) The Departmental Detail Expenditures Report

Seconded by Commissioner Steere

Vote: passed 5-yes

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Staff Reports**

**22 123 A**                    **Chief Buxton**

Chief Buxton discussed the following:

- ) Thanked the members for their work in a busy fire duties month
  - o Mutual Aid
    - Westford
    - Bedford
    - Merrimack
  - o In City
    - Temple Street
    - Amherst Street
- ) ARPA Funding
  - o Fire Station Alert System
    - Part of the Master Plan
    - Chief Buxton and Local 789 President Wholey working to select a committee to work on this project
    - Once installation begins, should take about a year

- Fire Alarm Infrastructure
- Traffic Preemption
- ) C2 appointed by the NH Fire Chiefs to a seat on the Governor's Council for PTSD

Commissioner Melizzi-Golja inquired about how long it took Eversource to get to the Amherst Street incident.

Commissioner Garant commented that the response pattern of 4 & 2 has proved to be very beneficial.

**Motion** by Commissioner Garant to accept Chief Buxton's September report, as presented, and place on file

Seconded by Commissioner Lambert

Vote: passed 5-yes

## **22 123 B                    Assistant Chief Atkinson**

Assistant Chief Atkinson discussed the following:

- ) Thanked Five Members of Local 789 who are members of the Leadership Team that attended Peer Support Training
- ) Nine Probationary Firefighters Update

Commissioner Garant Concerned with Floor Cracks at Station 1

- ) Assistant Chief Atkinson informed that NFR has contracted with a structural engineer company out of Boston
  - Meeting next week to address the crack and also discuss other structural engineering of the building
- ) Commissioner Lambert asked about Forestry 1 being in the spot of the crack
- ) Commissioner Melizzi-Golja asked about the company giving an estimate of the lifespan of the building.

**Motion** by Commissioner Melizzi-Golja to accept Assistant Chief Atkinson's September report, as presented, and place on file

Seconded by Commissioner Lambert

Vote: passed 5-yes

## **Discussions**

### **22 124                    Local 789**

President Thomas Wholey discussed the following:

- ) Everything is steady as they go
- ) Raised over \$2,800 for MDA
  - Private Newman did a fantastic job organizing the event.
- ) Building Members Assist Team
  - Worked with the chiefs to get the members covered to have them go to the Peer Support Class. Grateful for that.

- ) Firemen's Ball
  - o Friday, 11/11/2022 at Sky Meadow

**Motion** by Commissioner Garant to accept Item 22 108, as presented, and place on file  
Seconded by Commissioner Melizzi-Golja  
Vote: passed 5-yes

## **OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**22 125**                      **Authorization for action: Expenditure  
Engine 2 Apparatus Purchase – CERF –  
Contingent on the approval of Resolution R-22-064**

**Motion** by Commissioner Melizzi-Golja to recommend to the Board of Alderman for final passage of R-22-064 to authorize the purchase of a 2023 Pierce Arrow XT Pumper with associated equipment with a total cost of \$867,367, note this reflects the 100% prepayment discount of \$38,192, this is time sensitive since this price is only good through end of business on October 31, 2022.  
Seconded by Commissioner Lambert  
Vote: passed 5-yes

Commissioner Garant expressed concern to reinforce the fact that this replacement is part of the apparatus replacement plan that the board votes on every year.  
Chief Buxton communicated that there has been people in new positions and new procedures put in place at City Hall and he plans on having a meeting to discuss how the process will work moving forward.

## **REMARKS**

N/A

## **REMARKS BY FIRE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Steere expressed his gratitude for riding along with Fire Marshal Pouliot to get a better understanding of the investigative side of the fire department. He expressed that the Fire Marshal's office does a remarkable job.

Commissioner Melizzi-Golja inquired about the new requirements for Food Trucks in the city.

- ) Chief Buxton addressed this discussing that the State of NH adopted the 2018 version of NFP I (New code related to Food Trucks). The Fire Marshal's office planned to do re-inspections at the event that was cancelled.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (RE: NFR NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

N/A

**PERSONNEL ITEMS**

**22 126 A Personnel Item A ~ Retirement Notification**

**Motion** by Commissioner Garant to accept and place on file with regrets the letter of retirement received

from Captain Gordon Wilson

Seconded by Commissioner Steere

Vote: passed 5-yes

**22 126 B Personnel Item B ~ Retirement Notification**

**Motion** by Commissioner Lambert to accept and place on file with regrets the letter of retirement received from Private John (Jake) Paris

Seconded by Commissioner Garant

Vote: passed 5-yes

**22 126 C Personnel Item C ~ Resignation Notification**

**Motion** by Commissioner Garant to accept and place on file with regrets the letter of resignation received from Private Angel Alvarez

Seconded by Commissioner Steere

Vote: passed 5-yes

**22 126 D Personnel Item D ~ Communication – To be discussed in Non-Public**

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MELIZZI-GOLJA THAT THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION GO INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91-A:3 II (c) WHICH WOULD BE TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH, IF DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC, WOULD LIKELY AFFECT ADVERSELY THE REPUTATION OF ANY PERSON, OTHER THAN A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD**

**BY ROLL CALL**

**SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARANT**

*A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:*

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Commissioner Garant	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Commissioner Lambert	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Commissioner Steere	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Commissioner Melizzi-Golja	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Commissioner Burgess	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
TOTAL #	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

**MOTION CARRIED**

*The Board of Fire Commissioners went into non-public session at 6:10 p.m.*

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MELIZZI-GOLJA TO COME OUT OF THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION AND RETURN TO THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING BY ROLL CALL**

**SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAMBERT**

*A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:*

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Commissioner Garant	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Commissioner Lambert	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Commissioner Steere	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Commissioner Melizzi-Golja	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Commissioner Burgess	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
TOTAL #	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

**MOTION CARRIED**

*The Board of FIRE COMMISSIONERS came out of non-public session at 6:34 p.m.*

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MELIZZI-GOLJA THAT THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION BY ROLL CALL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD VOTES THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY WOULD NO LONGER BE SERVED, BY ROLL CALL**

**SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GARANT**

*A viva voce roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:*

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Commissioner Garant	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Commissioner Lambert	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Commissioner Steere	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Commissioner Melizzi-Golja	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
Commissioner Burgess	<u>X</u>	<u>    </u>
TOTAL #	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Request by Commissioner Melizzi-Golja, as things move forward with response to the May Day Incident, to update the BOFC so they have a sense of where it is going, with the understanding that right now hiring someone to work on reviewing the incident is forthcoming.**

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**22 127**

### **Adjourn Meeting**

**Motion** by Commissioner Lambert to adjourn the meeting at 06:35 PM  
Seconded by Commissioner Garant  
Vote: passed 5-yes

### **TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:**

Regular Scheduled Board of Fire Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 5:30 pm  
at 177 Lake Street, Classroom

### **Date and Location of other Events**

Sunday, October 9, 2022, 10:00am, Memorial Sunday, at the Firemen's Monument at the intersection of Manchester and Concord Streets, breakfast to follow at the Courtyard Marriot on Southwood Drive

Friday, November 11, 2022 Firemen's Ball at Sky Meadow