



Mayor, Virg Bernero
Fire Chief, Randy Talifarro

CITY OF LANSING

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Lansing Fire Department
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The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session on January 11, 2017 at Fire Station #1 located at 120 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing MI 48933. Commissioner Chairperson Rodney Singleton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Rodney Singleton, Yvonne Young-McConnell, Betty Draher, David Keeney, Tom Hoisington,

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Frank Ferro

COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Bernero, Joe McDonald, Randy Talifarro LFD Chief, Mike Tobin EM Chief, Ellen Vogt DFO, Patti Starnes LFD Admin Specialist, Bob Brown (retired commissioner), Joy Brown, Lansing Fire department officers and firefighters, guests

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner McConnell and supported by Commissioner Hoisington to accept the November 2016 minutes as written. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

REVIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS:

- Letter of accommodation for a recent EMS call in which the crew did an outstanding job delivering twins. Twins are doing well.
- 2017 Meeting Schedule distributed
- MI King Jr. Holiday Luncheon – Tickets are available for the commissioners.

PRESENTATIONS:

A presentation was given on the apparatus floor of fire station #1 to honor Retired Fire Commissioner Robert Brown Jr. for 24 years of faithful service to Lansing Fire Department and the citizens of Lansing. Mayor Virg Bernero and Fire Chief Randy Talifarro spoke and presented Mr. Brown with a plaque, proclamation and flowers for his wife Joy. The presentation was attended by the Mayor and his administration, Lansing Fire Department chiefs, administration and crews, Fire Commissioners and friends and family of Mr. Brown. After the presentation, the Board continued with the January meeting and the annual Fire Board appreciation dinner.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS: Chief Talifarro

- LFD Trainees: All EMS student LFD Trainees are in the stations and are in the process of taking their tests.
- Two pending retirements: BC Michael Hamilton and Robert Oleson. We will have 5 vacancies.
- Chief Talifarro told retired commissioner Robert Brown Jr. that he will truly miss him and that it has been a pleasure to get to know him through the years. He hopes Bob can stop by from time to time.
 - On behalf of the Lansing Board of Fire Commissioners, Chairperson Singleton thanked Bob Brown for all he has done during his 24 years of service on the board. He will be missed.
- Social Media Intern –Produced several Tasty videos featuring LFD employees that should be out soon.
- Chief Talifarro offered his condolences to Commissioner David Keeney for the loss of his wife and former commissioner Helen Keeney. Commissioner Keeney thanked all who came out to offer their condolences. Commissioner Keeney gave a special thanks to the Honor Guard and Fire Chiefs who participated in Helen's funeral.
- IAFF contract negotiations – Continuing with contract negotiations. They had a lengthy discussion today and it was productive.
- A retired LFD Engineer lost his granddaughter, daughter and son in law in a recent accident. The Lansing Fire Department along with other area departments are doing all they can to assist the family during this tragic time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Talifarro reminded the board that the department is beginning the budget process and working on the annual report.

Commissioner Chairperson Rodney Singleton will be preparing the annual Fire Board report.

GENERAL ORDER: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and supported by Commissioner McConnell and Commissioner Keeney to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Patti Starnes on February 8, 2017.

APPROVED: Feb 8, 2017 by the Lansing Board of Fire Commissioners