

**CITY OF NORWALK  
HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Joanne Romano, Chair; Bruce Kimmel; Michelle Maggio;  
Jerry Petrini

STAFF: Chief Dennis McCarthy, Norwalk Fire Department

**WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

Ms. Romano called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and called the Roll.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 23, 2012**

The minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Diane Cece, Olmstead Place spoke about the entry level examination. She said that at the last meeting, there was no name or amount available; however, subsequently Chief McCarthy gave her the information. She said that she hoped the Committee had enough information to compare the bids. She noticed that the bid being voted on this evening was not itemized. Jaques Personnel provided a lump sum, but the other bidders provided a break-down. Ms. Cece said that she was not sure they were bidding apples to apples.

Chief McCarthy said that quite often bidders do not use the format that is requested by the Purchasing Department; however, that is not grounds for disqualification. He said that the Purchasing Agent goes through each of the bids to be sure they are comparing apples to apples. He said that Jaques Personnel provided all of the information requested, just not on the same form.

**OLD BUSINESS - FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT ENTRY LEVEL EXAMINATION**

**\*\* MR. PETRINI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JAQUES PERSONNEL INC., TO CONDUCT A FIRE DEPARTMENT ENTRY LEVEL EXAMINATION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 FROM ACCOUNT #01-31-40-5258**

Chief McCarthy explained that they will run the test for 600 applicants. Each applicant is  
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charged \$50.00 to take the test. He said that they will take in \$30,000 which will cover the \$25,000 for Jaques Personnel and leave \$5,000 for advertisement and custodial staff at Norwalk High School, where the testing will take place.

Chief McCarthy explained that they are running orientation classes to prepare the candidates to take the Civil Service test in the hopes that that will help level the playing field for the candidates who have never taken one. He added that he feels these orientation classes will help achieve their goal of diversity.

Chief McCarthy reported that last time, they had six female applicants, and this time they have 40. Of the 1,100 applicants, 400 are from Norwalk.

Chief McCarthy provided an overview of the physical testing that the applicants go through. He added that they are actively recruiting Veterans.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business discussed this evening.

### **ADJOURN**

**\*\* MR. KIMMEL MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services