

Enfield Fire District No. 1  
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Vincent Grady.

Attendees for the Board:                      Zoom online app also available

Vincent Grady	Scott Prentiss	Paul Benis
William Higgins	Maureen Brennan	William Moran
Patrick Droney	David Ragon	

Also, in attendance was Chief Edward Richards.

Public Comment – Deb Chapin stated she believes the rescheduled Special District voting hours should be held earlier and the video of the Zoom meetings should be available on the District website.

The minutes of the Regular Commission meeting held on September 10, 2020 were read aloud by William Higgins. Motion by Bill Moran, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maureen Brennan to approve as read. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurers Report was passed out and discussed. Motion by Paul Benis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Ragon to approve the report as presented. Motion passed by voice vote of 7 in favor and 1 abstention (Droney).

The Fire Marshal Report was passed out and discussed. Vinny Grady asked if about the status of the Middle school construction project. The Chief stated there were some issues with Fire Drills. Motion by Paul Benis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Ragon to approve the report as presented. Motion passed by voice vote of 7 in favor and 1 abstention (Droney).

The Training Officer Report was passed out and discussed. Motion by Paul Benis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Prentiss to approve the report as presented. Motion passed by voice vote of 7 in favor and 1 abstention (Droney).

The Chiefs Report was passed out and discussed.. Vincent Grady asked the Chief to report on the status of the Hovercraft. He stated it is still out of service, but Paul Januszewski was making some adjustments and would be testing it in the near future. Motion by Paul Benis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Moran to approve report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business – none

Committee-

Truck Committees – Chief Richards reported the Ladder truck on hold pending the new vote. The current Truck 12 may be able to be repaired possibly to get it back in service. The pumper status is still at the engineering stage at the manufacturer and a series of questions were answered by the Chief to Pierce Manufacturing.

President Grady reported Don Hayward still working with the architect on a possible Station 2 addition.

New Business –

President Grady read aloud a letter received by resident John Santinello concerning the notice of the last meeting. Vinny received clarification from the newspaper on the legal notice wording and based on a discussion with the District Attorney, he believes the Board should reschedule another Special District meeting.

Pat Droney stated for the record, he took exception to the wording that John Santinello used in the letter accusing the Board of misleading the taxpayers and other incorrect statements within it.

Scott Prentiss stated the info was correct on the website and social media.

Motion by Pat Droney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Moran to set aside the September 30<sup>th</sup> Special District vote for the replacement aerial truck and funding due to an incorrect word in the printed legal notice. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Scott Prentiss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen Brennan to reschedule a Special District meeting to present a Resolution to the District taxpayers for a replacement aerial apparatus for the current Truck 12, not to exceed \$1,600,000.00. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Bill Higgins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Moran to have a paper ballot vote for a new Clerk/Treasurer for the Board to replace the newly vacated position by Bill Higgins. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The vote was held and President Grady announced that Maureen Brennan was the new Clerk/Treasurer for the Commission.

President Grady thanked Bill Higgins for his many years on the Board of Commissioners.

President Grady stated he had received 4 interest responses to fill the vacancy on the Commission. John Alexander, Sean McGuire, Steve Nimitz, and Paul Januszewski.

Motion by Maureen Brennan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Droney to add an agenda item and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:17pm. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The board came out of executive session at 8:55pm with no votes taken.

Motion by Pat Droney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Moran to give a one time bonus of \$2800 for the Chief and a one time bonus of \$1200 for the Administrative Assistant in lieu of an annual pay raise. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. by Paul Benis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Droney. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Higgins  
Clerk-Treasurer