

Enfield Fire District No. 1
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
December 3, 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	Maureen Brennan
William Moran	Patrick Droney
David Ragon	Donald Hayward

Also, in attendance was Chief Edward Richards and Deputy Chief William Higgins.

Public Comment

No public comment.

The minutes of the Regular Commission meeting held on November 5, 2020 were read aloud by Maureen Brennan. Motion by Paul Benis, 2nd by Patrick Droney to approve as read. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Training Officer Report was passed out and discussed. Deputy Chief William Higgins mentioned OSHA will be coming February 2021. Vacant Fire Fighter interviews put on hold due to COVID. Cadets program also on hold for same reason until further notice. Last month oriented two new members and in Spring several interested in attending Fire Fighter I and II classes for Hartford County. COVID SOG's revised and disseminated. Motion by Patrick Droney, 2nd by Paul Benis to approve the report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurer's Report was passed out and discussed. Paul Benis asked Chief Richards about staff vehicle purchase and Chief advises it is for this year and vehicle to arrive soon, 4-door F-250. Scott Prentiss mentions he is in favor of purchasing a vehicle for Deputy Chief's vehicle for next year's budget. Motion by Paul Benis, 2nd by David Ragon to approve report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

No Fire Marshall report, but Chief states no significant updates of which he is aware.

No Chief's Report

Old Business

Hovercraft: Chief Edward Richards states the committee to replace Hovercraft has decided on a boat they would like to purchase. The cost is \$34,185 and it is a 16-foot metal flatbottom boat with 40hp jet drive motor for low water applications. Chief state he can explore options to recover money from sale of Hovercraft.

Signage for Stations: Scott Prentiss provided update on digital signage for stations. Specs will be in likely by year-end.

Commission Vacancy: Patrick Droney makes motion to nominate Paul Januszewski, there is no second. Nomination by Vincent Grady and second by Scott Prentiss for Sean McGuire to fill vacancy for remainder of term vacated by William Higgins. The motion passes with all in favor with one abstention, Patrick Droney.

New Business

Vice President Donald Hayward and 2nd by Paul Benis to appropriate up to \$35,000 to replace the current Hovercraft boat and recoup funds from sale of Hovercraft or dispose of as same as per Chief Edward Richards deems most favorable to district.

Committees:

Truck: Chief Edward Richards provides update on Aerial Committee and states they waiting with drawing from Pierce for minor specs. Pumper also moving along but availability still in question.

Budget: Scott Prentiss and Don Hayward working on cashflow analysis.

Station Two: Delay due to COVID – no update

Motion by Patrick Droney, 2nd by David Ragon to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:58pm. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

The Board came out of executive session at 8:52pm with no votes taken.

New Business: Scott Prentiss mentions updating the dates of meeting on webpage and also using tinyurl for zoom meeting links.

COVID: Chairman Vincent Grady commends Chief Edward Richards and Deputy Chief William Higgins on handling of COVID protocols.

Motion to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. by Paul Benis 2nd by William Moran . Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Brennan

Clerk/Treasurer