Enfield Fire District No. 1 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes March 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Vincent Grady.

Attendees for the Board: Zoom online also available

Vincent Grady Scott Prentiss
Paul Benis Maureen Brennan
Sean McGuire Patrick Droney

Donald Hayward

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

Public Comment:

Debbie Chapin made the following statement: As many of you are aware, I have been advocating for public notice of all meetings to be made easily available for public viewing. This could include email, District Web page, Facebook, to name a few. The Town Hall is unavailable at the present time and inconvenient for many to get to during business hours. I would like to thank the Commission, especially Donald Hayward and Maureen Brennan, for working diligently these past few months to see that the meeting notices are posted electronically; giving the opportunity for the public to attend. Again, thank you for all your work in creating better public awareness.

The minutes of the Regular Commission meeting held on February 4th, 2021 were read aloud by Maureen Brennan. Motion by Paul Benis second by Scott Prentiss to approve as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Scott Prentiss inquired about account balance and Chief Edward Richards reviewed this. There was discussion surrounding selling used apparatus such as engine 16, duty officer vehicle, rescue 12, and hovercraft. This is being pursued. Motion by Sean McGuire, and 2nd by Patrick Droney to approve report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Training Officer Report was discussed. Deputy Chief William Higgins states they may be able use Rescue 2 for training purposes. They will be running a pump operator class to coincide with arrival of new pumper. Scott Prentiss inquires about what a Response Advancement Ceremony is, and Deputy Chief Higgins explains that this a plan to provide traditional helmets when cadets meet certain requirements. Deputy Chief Higgins reviewed the OSHA visit. We are proceeding with steps to become OSHA certified and this will involve about five more OSHA visits. There will be training at initial physicals on N95 mask fitting and training by State to fit the N95's in March as well. Motion by Paul Benis, second by Scott Prentiss to approve as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Fire Marshall's report - none

Chief's Report was reviewed and discussed. President Vincent Grady inquired about changing locations for physicals and Chief Edward Richards states we have not changed but cost would be a factor if

changing. Motion by Patrick Droney, second by Sean McGuire to approve as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Committee Reports:

<u>Truck Committee:</u> The pumping engine virtual inspection will likely be by the end of March. Arial is approved waiting for start date.

<u>Bylaws:</u> President Vincent Grady confirms who still needs copy of Town Ethics policy so that we may use it as a point of reference when revising our ethics portion of by-laws and anticipates meeting soon.

<u>Budget:</u> Committee will meet in near future to review recently received proposed budget.

New Business

President Vincent Grady reviews upcoming Commissioner elections. Commissioners Hayward, Droney, and President Grady are up for regular term elections. There are two spots being voted on as well for the vacated seats this past term.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm by Scott Prentiss and second by Sean McGuire. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Brennan

Clerk/Treasurer