

Enfield Fire District No. 1  
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes  
June 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President Vincent Grady.

Attendees for the Board:

Vincent Grady	Scott Prentiss
Paul Benis	Maureen Brennan
Sean McGuire	Patrick Droney
Donald Hayward	William Moran
Gary Castle	

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

**Public Comment:**

Kevin Davis provided an update on the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He reviewed the apparel options. Many of the fund raisers were not able to be held due to the pandemic. The anniversary will still be acknowledged but just in a smaller way.

The minutes of the Regular Commission meeting held on April 8th, 2021 were read aloud by Maureen Brennan. Motion by Paul Benis second by Patrick Droney to approve. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by William Moran and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Castle to approve report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Training Officer Report was discussed. Deputy Chief William Higgins states that Station Two has spent time going over live Fire Trailer (Paul Chapin and Wayne Kinney helping) and they held successful live fire drill. In June they will use this a lot for live fire training with other districts participating. New Engine 16 drive time training (new type of radio) with Firematic assisting will take place. There is future town wide training that will be available as well as including dispatchers. Ben Carlton has assisted with this. Seven members completed the 48-hour pump operator Fire Academy class. There is an effort underway to look for more drivers as COVID interrupted this training. Paul Chapin and Captain Don Ellis have helped with this. Two more people will be going into Firefighter One in the Fall in addition to ones just completed. Vincent Grady inquired about timeline for the new engine to be in service and the target is by the end of next week. June 16<sup>th</sup> is the date Firematic is coming for training but we will begin training prior to this. Paul Chapin mentions they need to decide on e-foam and some other minor issues are to be addressed and that we are close to making the swap over. William Moran asks if Paul Chapin's list for new engine was addressed and it was. Motion by Maureen Brennan second by Sean McGuire to approve as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Fire Marshall's report is reviewed for the month of April and May. President Grady asked when JKF School will be completed and it is believed to be end of next school year. There is discussion of new businesses in the district as well the remodel of Burlington Coat Factory. There is a motion by Patrick

Droney to accept report as presented and second by Paul Benis. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Chief's Report for April and May were reviewed and discussed. Chief Edward Richards states there was an incident Thompsonville last night. He states there were also concurring medical calls and other calls and there are not many towns that can handle multiple calls like this and that it was worked well. The Dispatch Center Manual is being redone to have more updated manual. There were several car accidents and a tractor trailer one as well. President Vincent Grady inquired about boat motor and it is on order but with no date due to delay. Gas tank removal is moving forward at Station Two. There is new lighting in the training area and we are putting out a bid for painting red trim. Chief Edward Richards mentions that although the Association's fundraising efforts were thwarted by COVID he supports making usual \$2,500 donation (which is usually matching). Gary Castle asks Chief Richards if he is aware that there is a new leader in the Assessor's office and he is aware of this. Motion by Sean McGuire, second by William Moran to approve as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

### **Committee Reports:**

Apparatus: Scott Prentiss inquired about new apparatus Truck 12 and Chief Edward Richards does not have exact date but states maybe would hear something on this by March. There is discussion of when Truck Committee will be put together for next apparatus. Vice President Donald Hayward states that now we have more experience with this process. It is estimated that it will be less than two years from formation of committee to fulfillment of order.

Bylaws: Patrick Droney states the town Ethics policy is not applicable to what we are looking to do. He has obtained a copy of the Police Dept. Code of Conduct and it more fitting for what we are trying to model. He will forward to us for review.

Station Two: Vice President Donald Hayward states that the remodel for Station Two is at a standstill and they are trying to get a Civil Engineer. They are planning to break ground in the Spring of 2022.

### **Old Business** - none

### **New Business**

Apparatus: Scott Prentiss makes a motion to sell old Engine 16 at the Chief's Discretion second by Patrick Droney. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Deputy Chief Vehicle: There is discussion regarding purchase of Deputy Chief vehicle/car 6. There is limited availability of these types of vehicles due to shortage of computer chips in vehicle (COVID). There is discussion of purchasing this vehicle on July 1, 2021 in the new fiscal year but this vehicle is only being held until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Scott Prentiss suggests that the funds come out the new fiscal year. There is discussion regarding moving funds within the current budget to purchase this. Scott Prentiss makes a motion to appropriate up to \$50,000 for the purchase of new car 6 and to give the Chief permission to sell old car 6 as he deems appropriate and second by Patrick Droney. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

EFA Donation: Scott Prentiss makes a motion to make a \$2,500 donation the Enfield Firefighters Association second by William Moran. Motion passes with one opposition, Vice President Donald Hayward and all others in favor. Vice President Donald Hayward states we gave \$16,000 last year and there were no activities due to COVID.

Scott Prentiss inquiries about a motion for digital signage and it is agreed to wait until next year.

President Vincent Grady opens up nominations for officers:

Patrick Droney is nominated for President by Vincent Grady and second by Maureen Brennan. There are no other nominations for President and nominations are closed. Motion by William Moran second by Scott Prentiss to close nominations for President. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Secretary cast one ballot for Patrick Droney for President.

President Patrick Droney accepts nomination for Vice President. Scott Prentiss nominates Donald Hayward for the position of Vice President and Vincent Grady seconds motion. There no further nominations for Vice President. President Droney accepts motion by Paul Benis and second by William Moran to close nominations for Vice President. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Secretary casts one ballot for Donald Hayward for Vice President.

President Patrick Droney accepts nomination for Secretary/Treasurer by Vincent Grady and second by William Moran. There are no other nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. President Droney accepts motion to close nominations by Vincent Grady and second by Paul Benis. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

President Patrick Droney casts one ballot for Maureen Brennan for Secretary/Treasurer.

President Patrick Droney thanks Commission for choosing him for President and advises he will do his best to fill the shoes of those who worked hard before him. He also thanked Vincent Grady for his service as President and for his 25 years of service to the Commission.

Scott Prentiss inquired about the 9/11 Memorial. There is discussion and the plans are underway.

Vincent Grady provided and update on water issue and there is a virtual mediation hearing on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Chief Edward Richards mentions that costs for this up to \$100,000 are covered by insurance.

Motion to adjourn at 9:04pm by Paul Benis and second by Maureen Brennan. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Brennan

Clerk/Treasurer

