Enfield Fire District No. 1

Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

October 7th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Patrick Droney.

Attendees for the Board:

Paul Benis Vincent Grady

Gary Castle Maureen Brennan

Sean McGuire Patrick Droney

William Moran Scott Prentiss

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

**Public Comment:**

none

The minutes of the Regular Commission meeting held on September 9th, 2021 were read aloud by Maureen Brennan. Motion by Scott Prentiss and second by Paul Benis to approve as amended. Motion passes by voice vote with one abstention from Vincent Grady.

The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the price of heating oil and gas is going up. Motion by Vincent Grady and second by Scott Prentiss to approve report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Chief’s Report was reviewed and discussed. Chief Richards mentions there was a fire of electrical nature on Bass Drive and that this was a good stop. Scott Prentiss inquired if there was any issue with dispatch on this call and Chief Richards advised there was not. Gary Castle inquired about a car fire on Phoenix Avenue being suspicious and Chief Richards advised it may have been but he did not have details. Motion by Vincent Grady and second by William Moran to approve as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Fire Marshal’s report was reviewed and discussed. It is noted that inspections are on target. Motion by Vincent Grady to accept report as presented and second by Paul Benis. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Training Officer’s Report was reviewed and discussed. Deputy Chief William Higgins states that the 9/11 ceremony went very well. Town-wide training was successful and included all districts and dispatch and there were 6 session times and each session was four hours. The Deputy Chief stated Kevin Davis asked him to ask if the Commission wanted to acknowledge the Department’s 125th anniversary. Deputy Chief also reviewed the recent software company changes. He also mentioned that fit testing is complete and SOG’s are being updated. Deputy Chief Higgins stated there will be required Anti-bullying/Harassment/Sexual Harassment training on 10/21/21 at 6:30pm at Station 2. Scott Prentiss asked that the HR committee be notified of any future HR Training. Motion by Vincent Grady and second by Maureen Brennan to approve as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

**Committee Reports -** none

**Old Business** –

The recognition by Broadbrook Town council for the August 2nd fire has been rescheduled to 10/21/21. Wiliam Moran mentioned that he would like to ensure that the ones that were actively involved in the event are recognized.

President Droney mentions that the Hall of Fame dinner to honor Chief Richards went well and was a a nice tribute to the Chief and those who were inducted.

**New Business**

President Droney noted that he saw a political campaign sign on the property at Station 2 and he removed it. It was then there the next day and removed again and has not reappeared. President Droney mentioned that the department is not have political signs on the property.

President Droney suggested that all commissioners go to the Harassment Training.

Motion to go into executive session at 8:13pm. Motion by Vincent Grady and second by Maureen Brennan. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:10pm with no votes taken in executive session.

Motion by Vincent Grady and second by William Moran to give a one-time annual bonus to the secretary in the amount of $1,500, to the Deputy Chief in the amount of $3,000 and to the Chief in the amount of $3,200. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to adjourn at 9:11pm by Vincent Grady and second by William Moran. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Brennan

Clerk/Treasurer