Enfield Fire District No. 1

Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

December 9th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Patrick Droney.

Attendees for the Board:

Paul Benis Vincent Grady

Gary Castle Donald Hayward

Sean McGuire Patrick Droney

William Moran Scott Prentiss

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

**Public Comment:**

Debbie Chapin states that she is disappointed that for the Strategic Planning Committee, the civilians are politicians and that this was not opened to the public. Ms. Chapin also states that back in 2019 when the by-law was open or review, she requested the investigate having a public comment at the end of the meeting. It was found to not be in the best interest of and was left as is. That being said, Ms. Chapin states that all public comments should only be allowed at the public comment at the start of the meeting not towards the end which has been done in the past. This would cause others to speak out all well.

 Patrick Droney states that John Alexander is interested in being on the Strategic Planning Committee.

President Droney read aloud a letter received from Derek Chapin concerning the year-end bonus payments to non-union employees. The rationale was explained. President Droney advised that while he welcomes any questions on the budget, he did not like the accusatory tone of the letter.

Audit report completed by FML Certified Public Accounts was reviewed and discussed. Among the recommendations discuss, it was recommended that the district have an independent firm complete the year-end adjustment. The report was a clean report.

Vincent Grady read aloud the minutes from the November 4th, 2021 Commission meeting. Motion by Paul Benis and second by William Moran to accept the minutes as presented and the motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

**Committees**

Station Two Renovation: Meeting with the town went well.

The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Vice President Donald Hayward and second by Paul Benis to approve report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Fire Marshal’s report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Vice President Donald Hayward to accept report as presented and second by Gary Castle. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote

Chief’s Report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Paul Benis and second by William Moran to approve as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Training Officer’s Report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Vice President Donald Hayward and second by Paul Benis to approve report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

**Committee Reports -** none

**Old Business** –

Water issue raised by the town has been withdrawn.

Donald Hayward states 125th Anniversary Plaque late getting done.

**New Business**

None.

Motion to go into executive session at 8:50pm. Motion by Sean McGuire and second by Paul Benis. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:27pm with no votes taken in executive session.

Motion to adjourn at 9:28pm by William Moran and second by Paul Benis. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Brennan

Clerk/Treasurer