Enfield Fire District No. 1

Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

April 7th, 2022

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

Attendees for the Board:

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

Also, in attendance was Chief Edward Richards.

President Patrick Droney called for a moment of silence for Joseph Bosco, a member of the district who gave generously to the district and the town, who passed away this past week.

**1st Public Comment:** None

**Nominations:** President Droney opened nominations for the three commissioner positions set to term May 2022.

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| Nominee | 1st  | 2nd |
| Scott Prentiss | Paul Benis | Gary Castle |
| Gary Castle | William Moran | Patrick Droney |
| Sean McGuire | Scott Prentiss | Paul Benis |
| Paul Meunier | Kasey Stovall | Patrick Carifa |
| John Alexander | Derek Chapin  | Lisa Ellis |
| Derek Chapin | John Alexander | Andrew Rhodes |
| Mark Morell | Debbie Chapin | John Alexander |

Maureen Brennan read aloud the minutes from the March 10th, 2022 Commission meeting. Motion by Paul Benis and second by William Moran to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Gary Castle and second by Sean McGuire to approve report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Chief’s Report was reviewed and discussed. Daro drive incident was discussed and this was an accidental kitchen fire, and the injury was smoke inhalation. Motion by Sean McGuire and second by Gary Castle to approve as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Fire Marshal’s Report was reviewed and discussed. JFK offices are being moved in newly finished space after spring break per Fire Marshal Ed Shirley. The construction is schedule’s to be completed by September 2022. Motion by Maureen Brennan and second by William Moran to approve as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

 The Training Officer’s Report was reviewed and discussed. There will be interim training due to Firefighter One class not being held until fall of 2022. There is one new member and one new cadet. Motion by William Moran and second by Paul Benis to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

**Committee Reports**

Station Two – Vice President Donald Hayward advised the Civil Engineer is moving forward and application is to be submitted to the town.

President Droney advised that the By-Laws committee will be meeting next week.

Strategic Planning committee update - Scott Prentiss states that there is a cash flow analysis for new engine to show how it is being paid for. Survey responses are received and summarized. Looking at manpower ideas and other recommendations. Maureen Brennan states that the survey responses that can be addressed now, should be and not to wait for the strategic plan.

Apparatus update – Chief Richards states that the quint vote passed and he has final paperwork to sign the contract. Looking at likely date of August 2022 for this. Ladder should be here this May and training will begin right away.

**Old Business**

President Droney states the MOU with the Town regarding the collection of taxes will be extended until June of 2023. He states we will need interlocal to have a plan for who will collect taxes should the MOU not be honored in the future. Also noted is that the Town has taken away the dumpsters that they had at the Fire Stations.

Maureen Brennan stated there was a meeting held to discuss plans for recognizing the 125th Anniversary of the district and an informal open house type of event is likely for June at Station 2 and a more formal event for the fall. Next meeting is 4/10/22 Station One at 6pm.

**New Business:**

The 2022-23 proposed budget is reviewed and discussed. There is a motion by Vice President Donald Hayward and second by Scott Prentiss to put forth this proposed budget for consideration at the May 5th Annual District Meeting. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

**2nd Public Comment:**

Lisa Ellis advised that there is an ARPA survey on the Town webpage and there is a question about if you think money should go to the fire districts to cover costs from COVID. She suggests that it could be shared via social media as well.

Motion to enter executive session at 8:16pm by Gary Castle and second by Maureen Brennan. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Out of executive session at 9:04pm with no votes taken.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05pm by Gary Castle and second William Moran. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Brennan

Clerk/Treasurer