

Enfield Fire District No. 1
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Vincent Grady.

Attendees for the Board:

Paul Meunier	Patrick Droney
Maureen Brennan	William Moran
Vincent Grady	Christopher Foley
Sean McGuire	

Chief Edward Richards and Deputy Chief William Higgins were also present.

1st Public Comment:

None.

The minutes from the January 8, 2024 Regular Commission Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Sean McGuire and second by William Moran to accept the minutes as presented and the motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Commissioner McGuire inquired about the PILOT fund/line 625 and the Revenue Recovery/692. The 625 fund is monies received from the State in lieu of taxes although it is never known from year to year what, if any, will come in. The 692 account is for the reimbursement from the State for the accidents the District is called to on I-91. Motion by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by Maureen Brennan to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Fire Marshal report was reviewed and discussed. State Rep meeting was regarding the Somers fire. Inquiry about the height allowed for the containers by Commissioner Moran and the height is 3. Motion by Paul Meunier and second by William Moran to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Training Officer's Report was reviewed and discussed. Deputy Chief Higgins stated that the driver/operator training is accessible now more than ever for new drivers with the new schedule. A career member that needed to pass the written EMT, has now passed it. Ventilation trailer will be used in March. Motion by Maureen Brennan and second by Vice President Patrick Droney to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Chief's Report was reviewed and discussed. The Chief noted the significant increase in calls due to the 24/7 coverage, many of them medicals. Motion by Sean McGuire and second by Vice President Patrick Droney to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Comments:

Vice President Patrick Droney inquired as to whether the Angel Fund donation was made yet for the victims of the 1/2/24 fire in Somers and the Chief confirmed it has been done.

Maureen Brennan noted the article she shared with commissioners via email. There is a task force set up at the State level to explore eliminating the car taxes statewide.

Christopher Foley inquired about the specifics of the car taxes going away and shared his reservations regarding this.

Old Business:

Chief Richards looked up the Cancer Bill that the state has and it is \$10 per fire Fighter per year that is paid to the State. He is looking up other details.

President Grady asked about tax collection status and Commissioner Brennan will look into this. There are other factors at play this year that were not last year.

Vice President Patrick Droney advised there was a meeting to be held with the Town and the districts on 2/5/24 but it has been postponed with no date available yet.

Kevin Davis provided an update on the Assoc finances. Beginning balance is \$16,660.64 and ending is \$20,087.96. Kevin also advised that Ladies Night, hosted by the Association, is April 19, 2024 at Grassmere CC.

Paul Meunier advised that the next consolidation meeting is 2/20/24 at 6:30pm.

New Business:

Vice President Patrick Droney provided us a copy of a state consolidation process analysis.

Maureen Brennan advised that the three job descriptions in the packets were a starting point and were obtained from the HR company.

President Grady asked us to review the computer quotes for Commissioners to have materials digitally. After discussion, it is decided that we will review in detail and revisit.

Second Public Comment:

Debbie Chapin of Old King Street asked if the commissioners were to get computers, and they were to get stolen, who would be responsible. She also mentioned that she looked up the Cancer Fund for fire fighters and saw that it mentioned being for municipalities and that we may want to check into that. She expressed opposition to eliminating the car taxes and questions if business' fleet taxes would be put onto to the homeowners.

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:23pm by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by Paul Meunier. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Commission is out of executive session at 8:00 pm with no votes taken.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by Paul Meunier.
Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Brennan

Clerk/Treasurer