

Enfield Fire District No. 1
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
March 14, 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	Gary Castle
Paul Benis	

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

1st Public Comment:

Kevin Davis of Glendale Rd reviewed Association finances and advised that the past members dinner is 3/23 and the retirement dinner for Tom Burnham is on 4/13. Mr. Davis also shared concerns about members in delinquent status being able to work in that status.

The minutes from the February 8, 2024 Regular Commission Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Paul Benis and second by Maureen Brennan to accept the minutes as presented and the motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by Gary Castle to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Fire Marshal report was reviewed and discussed. Vice President Patrick Droney inquired about the type of business of Code Blue Geeks is and it is a company that builds weightlifting equipment. Motion by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by Paul Meunier 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 he submitted an Assistant to Firefighters Grant Program grant (AFGP) in the amount of \$107,000 for FSCBA filling station which is no longer functioning. Continues to be an increase in EMT certifications which is good. Four officers attending officer training at the National Fire Academy in Maryland, MD. Ventilation trailer will be used in March. Deputy Chief Higgins also asked us to remember friend and colleague Chief Charles Flynn. 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 and that the increase in EMT certifications is

a benefit because of this. Motion by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by Maureen Brennan to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Comments:

Christopher Foley inquired about frequency of payroll and payment to the town.

Vice President Patrick Droney asked that we remember Dan Nolan, ret. Deputy Chief, who passed suddenly and also former Enfield Policeman Tom Shagnon, Sr. He also thanked the fire fighters for the excellent job they are doing.

President Grady asked for us to all pause for a moment of silence to remember Chief Flynn.

Old Business:

Paul Meunier advised that the next consolidation meeting is 3/27/24 at 6:30pm at NTFD. He also advised that at the last consolidation meeting there was discussion on hiring a consultant to do a consolidation study and that we were to get information from the committee on the cost and other specifics of the consultant.

Vice President Patrick Droney made a motion that the Commission enter into negotiations with Burns Wealth and the Union to discuss the cost of the retirement plan options. Second by Gary Castle. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

Vice President Patrick Droney asked that we schedule a public budget informational session.

Second Public Comment:

Debbie Chapin of Old King Street, mentioned she appreciates the opportunity to have a public budget session as she has some questions.

Josh Donor of Wallop School Rd. said he is proud of the department members for adjusting to the news hours and new working groups.

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:06pm by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by Paul Benis. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Commission is out of executive session at 7:52 pm with no votes taken.

Motion to adjourn at 7:52pm pm by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by William Moran. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Brennan

Clerk/Treasurer