

Enfield Fire District No. 1  
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2024

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

Attendees for the Board:

Paul Meunier	Paul Benis
Gary Castle	Patrick Droney
Maureen Brennan	William Moran
Vincent Grady	Christopher Foley (via Zoom)

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

**1st Public Comment:**

Donald Hayward, 50 Post Rd., advised that the budget tab on the website has not been updated in the past two years.

**Nominations:**

President Vincent Grady opened nominations for the three Fire Commissioner Vacancies coming up in May 2024:

President Vincent Grady (39 Guild) nominated Patrick Droney (2 Elan) and Paul Meunier (17 Weymouth Rd) and Gary Castle seconds this.

Vice President Droney (2 Elan) nominated Vincent Grady and Paul Meunier (17 Weymouth Rd) seconds this.

Geri Alexander (18 Overhill Rd) nominated John Alexander (18 Overhill Rd) and Deb Chapin (27 Old King St) seconds this.

Motion by VP Patrick Droney and second by Paul Benis to close the nominations. Motion passes.

The minutes from the March 14, 2024 Regular Commission Meeting were reviewed. Motion by William Moran and second by Paul Meunier to accept the minutes and the motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

President Grady reviewed the April 4<sup>th</sup> special meeting stating that a proposed budget with a 3.49 mill rate and advised we will review the minutes for approval at the next meeting. He also mentioned that we will have public informational session on the budget with a tentative date of April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and discussed. VP Patrick Droney advised Grand List was received very late as well. Motion by William Moran 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. Motion by Vice Patrick Droney and second by Gary Castle to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Training Officer's Report was reviewed and discussed. Deputy Chief Higgins advised that three members are in FF1 and three are also in EMT. He also advised that they had the SCBA training and other Enfield fire districts participated. Live fire training is coming up and a pilot training in conjunction with the State of CT. Motion by Paul Benis and second by Gary Castle to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Chief's Report was reviewed and discussed. Chief Richards noted the increase in medical calls since implementing the 24/7 coverage and also noted that the district has received several payments for the calls attended on I-91. Motion by Paul Meunier and second by Vice President Patrick Droney to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Board Member Comments:**

Paul Meunier advised that the next consolidation meeting is on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Hazardville Fire Station.

Vice President Patrick Droney summarized the meeting with Town administrators regarding the tax collection MOU noting that we will likely be moving to a contract agreement for this to provide more consistency.

#### **Old Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

Vice President Patrick Droney made a motion to suspend the July and August 2024 Regular Meetings. Second by William Moran. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Public Comment**

Donald Hayward, 50 Post Rd, made an observation that with the increase in medical calls is a million dollar plus apparatus that gets 3 miles per gallon going to these medical calls where we don't really do as much as we think we do for these medical calls.

Debbie Chapin, 27 Old King St, states that tonight's meeting was not on the website.

Josh Donor, Wallop School Rd, states for those in the public that do not think we do a lot on medical calls, he wants to thank Chris Benton for going on a transport last night with Enfield EMS for a potential allergic reaction and cardiac arrest. He did a great job and we do more than what people think on medical calls.

Donald Hayward, 50 Post Rd, states that he never once said that we do nothing on medical calls so he wants to make sure there is no misunderstanding.

Ed Shirley, 12 Missile Lane, advised that all four fulltime groups worked hard to replace ceiling tiles and clean floors.

Motion to adjourn at 6:55pm by Paul Benis and second by Gary Castle. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Brennan

Clerk/Treasurer