

Enfield Fire District No. 1
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Vincent Grady.

Attendees for the Board:

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

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

1st Public Comment:

None

Communication and Reports:

The Treasurer's Reports for June, July and August were reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Foley inquired about the amount our bank accounts are insured up to and about the source for miscellaneous revenue. Motion by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by Paul Meunier to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Fire Marshal reports for June, July and August were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Maureen Brennan and second by Gary Castle to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Chief's Reports for June, July and August were reviewed and discussed. Chief Richards noted the increase in calls over prior year and reviewed a major mv accident on Route 5. 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 advised that ten fire fighters were outfitted with new gear with Captain Mucci's assistance. The Deputy congratulated John Bower who was promoted to Lieutenant. He also mentioned that we are now getting the highway reimbursement again for calls to I-91. We have students taking certifications at the CT Fire Academy. OSHA closed out. There will be an online uniform store available soon. The September 11th memorial was very well attended this year. The Deputy thanked Vice President Patrick Droney for speaking at the ceremony. Motion by Gary Castle and second by Vice President Patrick Droney to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Board Member Comments:

Commissioner Foley suggested that we look into interest-bearing accounts for our funds.

President Vincent Grady thanked everyone for the excellent job done for the 9/11 Memorial this year including Riley's Dance for their generosity and involvement. He also thanked the firefighters that came to a medical call at his house saying they were comforting and capable. Vice President Patrick Droney wished Commissioner Meunier a belated happy birthday.

Old Business:

The Association's revenue and expenses were reviewed.

Commissioner Castle provided information on a tablet for the commissioners to use in lieu of receiving paper reports each month. The tablet he recommends is the Samsung Galaxy Tab 89plus 5g. President Grady said we need a computer use policy. Motion by Paul Meunier and second by Gary Castle to move forward with the purchase of eight tablets. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Brennan provided an update on the tax collection discussions with the Town. Districts will be reconvening with the town to further discuss.

Commissioner Meunier provided an update on the Consolidation meetings he has attended with the other districts in town. An attorney will likely be hired to represent all the districts and advise on legal matters of consolidation. Search for consolidation consultant is ongoing.

New Business:

President Grady mentioned that they are looking into obtaining a line of credit as a financial safety net and also looking into moving some of our funds into a money market type of account to earn interest.

President Grady advised that it is performance review time and the Deputy and the Chief are to complete the Administrative Assistant's review and the Chief is to do review for the Deputy Chief. The Commission will complete the Chief's review.

2nd Public Comment

None

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:37pm by Paul Meunier and second by Vice President Patrick Droney. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Came out of executive session at 8:38pm with no votes taken.

Motion to adjourn at 8:39pm by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by Paul Benis. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Brennan

Clerk/Treasurer