

Enfield Fire District No. 1
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2024

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

Attendees for the Board:

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

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

1st Public Comment:

None

Communication and Reports:

The minutes from the October 10, 2024 Regular Commission Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by Gary Castle to accept the minutes as presented and the motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The minutes from the October 22, 2024 Regular Commission Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Paul Benis and second by Paul Meunier to accept the minutes as presented and the motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Maureen Brennan second by Vice President Patrick Droney and the motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Fire Marshal's report was reviewed and discussed. Discussion on Enfield High School being a disaster shelter. Motion by Gary Castle and second by Vice President Patrick Droney to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Training Officer's Report was reviewed and discussed. I-Lead officer training going well. Three Cadets are interested in joining. Dept. is emphasizing word-of-mouth for recruitment. AFG, a FEMA grant, is open again and the district will apply. Vice President Patrick Droney requested a first-year analysis on the Dept. having 24/7 coverage. Motion by Paul Benis and second by Paul Meunier approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The Chief's Report was reviewed and discussed. Chief Richards mentions that we have 455 calls more compared to this period last year and that there were many calls on I-91 in October and these are dangerous calls. Discussion on fire danger due to drought. Motion by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by William Moran to approve the report as presented. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Communications and Reports:

Review of sub-committee members. Paul Meunier will replace Maureen Brennan on the Human Resources committee.

Board Member Comments:

Gary Castle wishes everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Paul Meunier wishes everyone a happy Thanksgiving and hopes firefighters stay safe considering the high fire alert.

William Moran thanked everyone on the Board and the two chiefs. As a taxpayer he thanks everyone.

Patrick Droney congratulated Paul Meunier on his retirement and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sean McGuire inquired about the past number of cadets for comparison to now. It is said that we had up to 20 in the past. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Christopher Foley reminded folks about the District Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 22, 2024 at 12pm.

Maureen Brennan wishes all a happy Thanksgiving.

President Grady also shared happy Thanksgiving wishes.

Old Business:

Maureen Brennan requested that we hold a meeting for the public on the topic of consolidation stating that even though they are not going forward with it at this time, the public should have a chance to ask questions and be informed on the facts. The Commission agrees and we will look to do this in the first quarter of 2025. Maureen also provided an update on the tax collection discussions. The districts met and discussed options including an acceptable amount to pay, type of and duration of agreement. The districts will attend a special meeting of the Town Council on December 2, 2024 on the matter.

Paul Meunier reminded commissioners that starting next month meeting materials will be provided electronically.

New Business:

Vice President Patrick Droney made a motion to increase the pay for the administrative assistant position by 2.5% and the deputy chief position by 3% and there is a second by Paul Benis. Motion passes with 3 abstentions from President Grady, Maureen Brennan and Christopher Foley.

2nd Public Comment:

Kevin Davis, Glendale, reviews the association finances and upcoming events including the Torch Light Parade. He states there will be no children's Christmas party this year due to lack of interest.

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:34pm by Maureen Brennan and second by Gary Castle. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Came out of executive session at 7:57pm with no votes taken.

Motion to adjourn at 7:57pm by Vice President Patrick Droney and second by William Moran. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Brennan

Clerk/Treasurer