

Easton Fire Commission

Regular Meeting

April 20, 2016

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Attendance: D. Buchanan, R. Cable, T. Pajonas

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

Commissioner Pajonas motioned to accept the March minutes. Commissioner Buchanan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Waugh presented the incident report. There were 35 incidents, 16 incident types, 27 persons responding and 58.82 man-hours expended. The Department is on pace to respond to 600 incident calls this year. The Chief discussed the bomb scare incident at Keller. The Department had to use the training similar to an active shooter incident. He said there is a need to develop and learn procedures relating to new types of incidents in the future. The budget until year-end is tight. There is a balance of \$9,000. The Department will need to replace a right front-end tire. The Department also is looking to replace gas meters as the sensors are beginning to fail. The Department recruited four new volunteers at the most recent open house. Funding for the regional fire school in Fairfield was cut due to funding cuts in the State budget. The Chief reached out to Danbury to use their burn building for training. The Chief is working to upgrade computer and communications infrastructure. On May 7 the EMS is hosing an EMT class. The Fire Department will participate with an extrication exercise. Redding is replacing a bridge near upper Sport Hill Road. The Redding Fire Department requested the Easton Fire Department to help cover Redding calls. The Chief said the Department would like to be automatically notified if there are incident calls at Joel Barlow High School. P & Z reached out to the Department regarding the width of driveways on narrow streets. Upcoming drills include HAZMAT and brush fires.

Marshal Neary presented the Fire Marshal's report. Nothing has been done yet to remediate the sprinkler problem at Staples.

The Commission discussed the proposal of moving the school buses from Bethel to Easton. Commissioner Buchanan will work with the Chief on the ISO insurance ratings. He would like to get lower insurance rates for residents living in the north end of Easton.

Commissioner Pajonas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Commissioner Cable seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary