

Easton Fire Commission

Regular Meeting

October 18, 2017

Filed subject to approval

Attendance: D. Buchanan, D. Katz, J. Miranda, T. Pajonas

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

The Meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm

The reading Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 30, 2017, having been distributed to all Commissioners, was waived and said Minutes approved, by motion of Commissioner Pajonas, Seconded by Commissioner Katz.

There having been no matters out of the ordinary considered by the Marshal office, no report was made by the Fire Marshal. The procedure to be followed to bill and calculate the charges for Fire Department services in the event of Prohibited contractor burning on site while a Building Permit is active was reviewed.

The Chief reported 28 calls for September. Call numbers are significantly lower so far, this year relative to other recent years. No particular reason other than lack of major storms is obvious, though perhaps a higher number of un-occupied houses and fewer automobile crashes are also factors. Annual maintenance of the Engines is underway, with Engines 1, 3, and 4 having required no major, costly maintenance (Engine 3 is due back October 19th). Engine 2 will go for service after the brush fire season. Hose testing will be addressed in October and November, and the decision to order Globe turnout gear has been made to improve durability experience. Communications matters continue to require careful management. Efforts to coordinate needs with other entity's needs continue. Access to water for fire suppression in the parts of Town served by pond and stream water sources is being carefully watched, and necessary response adjustments made due to the continuing draught situation. The fire officers are considering the proposal to limit the choices for future water supply for developments to water tanks only, and looking at other methods to insure adequate water supplies for firefighting needs.

Budget expenditures are in line with expectations for this Fiscal Year to date.

The Commission requested the Chief to review methods/incentives to improve call response personnel numbers with EVFC as to their ideas and report back.

Commissioner Katz motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Miranda seconded, and, the motion having passed unanimously, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner David Buchanan, Chairman

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