

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

April 18, 2018

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Attendance: D. Buchanan, R. Cable, D. Katz, J. Miranda, J. Yeotsas

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm

Commissioner Buchanan introduced the Board's new member, Jim Yeotsas.

Commissioner Miranda motioned to approved the January 24, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Waugh presented the incident report. There were 63 calls in March. On April 30 there will be a mock crash staged at Joel Barlow High School. The Fire, Police and EMS from both Easton and Redding will be represented. Juniors and seniors will attend. The Chief is working on automatic mutual aid with Redding at Joel Barlow. The town meeting to approve the budget is April 30. At this point, the FY 2018-2019 Fire Department budget looks good and should be approved. The current budget is in the black except for a few areas. For example, education is over because of costs of using the Fairfield training facility. (The Fairfield training facility has lost State funding, and therefore the cost for firefighters to attend live drills has increased.) The Chief should be able to offset this from other accounts and return some money to the town. The proposed budget does not include retro pay raises as the contract is in arbitration. The Chief plans to purchase two thermal imaging cameras and eight basic portable radios. He is still waiting on a quote to change fro low band to DHF. Painting will be done downstairs. He also mentioned some future drills, such as brush fires in June. The roads continue to be a problem with low hanging branches. The State is working on Route 59. Acquarion will need to make sure their roads are passable. He also was concerned about brush fires.

Marshal Neary presented the Fire Marshal's report. There were 27 burning permits; 69 burning permits year-to-date. Lucy presented seven Life Safety education classes. Among other things, there was an application for a temporary liquor permit for pub night at Christ Church Nursery School, an inspection request at 155 Twins Lane road, and a ERC9 BOE records request.

Commissioner Buchanan review the Board of Fire Commissioners report to be part of the annual report. Chief Waugh mentioned a solicitor asking for money to support the local fire department. The Fire Department does not use solicitors for donations.

Commissioner Miranda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Commissioner Cable seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary