

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

September 19, 2018

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Attendance: D. Buchanan, D. Katz, J. Yeotsas

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm

Commissioner Buchanan motioned to approve the April 18, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Marshall Peter Neary reviewed the Fire Marshal's report. It included a Blasting Permit on North Park Avenue 27 Open Burning permits, fire code inspections at Greiser's Market, 287 Center Road, 65 Adams Road and Jesse Lee Day Care Center. There was no fire investigations. State DOT did remediate the guard rails on RTE 59 that were blocking access to fire hydrants

Chief Waugh presented the incident report. There were 53 calls in March. The Chief anticipates 510 – 580 calls for the year. The Chief recommended that the EVFC #1 become a central location for emergency response situations because of the location and availability of facilities and communication. Chief Waugh mentioned roads continue to be a problem with low hanging branches and he is going to talk to the Town about putting a plan in place to trim branches and trees along the roads. If there is a major storm in Town the roads will be a problem because of downed trees. The EVFD purchased two new thermal imaging cameras and eight new radios. Proceeds from the Carnival helped to fund the purchases. Maintenance of the engines is generally on schedule and the Chief is looking to a contract with Shipman's which might significantly reduce future maintenance costs. Assistant Chief Grimaldi resigned two weeks ago and the Chief is evaluating candidates to replace him.

Commissioner Buchanan discussed long-range planning for the Department. It included a possible facility in the north end of town. ISO ratings could be reduced for residents in the northern part of town if a Firehouse was located there. The proposed Village District was discussed and the possible implications for the EFD. Commissioner Buchanan mentioned we should meet with the Town and EMS to discuss the impact of the proposed Village District on both of our facilities. More discussion is needed on this topic.

Commissioner Yeotsas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm. Commissioner Katz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner David Katz, Acting Secretary



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