

*Board of Fire Commissioners*

Regular Meeting

October 17, 2018

*Filed subject to approval*

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

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm

The Commission reviewed the September 2018 minutes. Commissioner Cable moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Yeotsas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Waugh presented the incident report. There were 55 calls. There was an increase in calls due to flooding from the September rainstorm. A dam broke and the Department is working with the Office of Emergency Management about repairing the dam. A possible structural fire was avoided because of good insulation in a ceiling. Trees came down due to Hurricane Michael. Thermal cameras were installed on the engines. New radios were ordered and are on the way. The regular engine maintenance will be done at the station, but the engines will be sent out for undercoating. The Chief said the new maintenance plan should save the Department money. Stipends for the Chief and for the firefighters were discussed. The Chief suggested adding additional incentives to the tax abatement. However, he also wanted to increase requirements to obtain stipends. He mentioned that Weston provides medical benefits and Trumbull provides Amazon gift cards. He distributed a list of county incentives provided to the firefighters in Virginia. Marshal Neary suggested beginning an additional incentive program with next year's budget. The Chief will email links about incentives to Commission members. Also, Commissioners will research this topic and it will be discussed at the next Commission meeting. The Chief discussed his letter to Rob Maquat regarding the Easton Village District. There were omissions and errors in the current Easton Village District plan that still need to be corrected. The Department has retained counsel to represent them at the next P & Z meeting on October 29.

Marshal Neary presented the Fire Marshal's report. There are 146 permits issued to date. Among other things, Greiser's Market has ongoing renovations and there have been fire code inspections at Thayers and Jesse Lee Day Care. The Department is preparing for the public fire education program.

Commissioner Buchanan reviewed the Board of Fire Commissioners report to be part of the annual report. The Commission approved the report. He asked Chief Waugh for an update on the current budget. The Chief said that so far everything is on track. Commissioner Buchanan wanted the Commission to consider long term planning as we approach the next budget year.

Commissioner Katz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm. Commissioner Yeotas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary