

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

December 19, 2018

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

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 pm

The Commissioners reviewed the November 2018 minutes. Commissioner Cable moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Miranda seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Marshal Neary presented the Fire Marshal's report. There were 152 permits issued to date. Among other things, Marshal Neary raised concerns about the library new addition. There are issues with the plan before the library goes out to bid.

Chief Waugh presented the incident report. There were 37 calls, and year to date the call volume will be above last year's call volume. There was a successful joint terrorist drill with state and federal agencies in Easton. The Chief recognized two firefighters for their life saving efforts after reviving an Easton man who was in cardiac arrest. Firefighters are taking Fire 1 and Fire 2 exams. The purchase of eight radios was delayed as components are backordered. Next year's budget negotiations were discussed. The Chief will meet with the First Selectman on January 23, 2019 to discuss the budget. The main driver of next year's budget for the Department will be the replacement of Engine 4. Engine 4 is 25 years old, and Engine 1 is 16 years old. Engine 1 gets a fair amount of use and will be the next engine to be replaced. Currently, the Department accrues \$70,000 annually, but may need to increase the accrual to \$100,000 in the near future. Trumbull EMT is closing and will rely on AMR. This may create pressure for Easton emergency services. The Department is OK, so far, with this year's budget. The Chief distributed a draft of the specifications for the pumper, Engine 4. The draft was generic to encourage bids from different vendors. He presented some of the changes from the current Engine 4 such as a bigger cab and rear intake. The loose equipment will be purchased as required by NFPA 1901. The Chief is still deciding about a performance bond.

Commissioner Buchanan discussed the development of a survey about incentives to become an Easton volunteer firefighter. He also stated that we need to make sure that the Department's hiring procedures are working well. He said that the calendar for 2019 will include a Commission meeting every third Wednesday of the month. Dave Wheatley will become the new president of the volunteer firefighters next year.

Commissioner Miranda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Commissioner Cable seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary