

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

September 18, 2019

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

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

The Commissioners reviewed the March minutes. Commissioner Katz moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Cable seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Marshal Neary presented the Fire Marshal's report. There were 124 permits issued year to date. Among other things, Marshal Neary discussed two house fires and Greiser's Market expansion. He signed several temporary liquor permits.

Chief Waugh said there were 381 incidents year to date. There was one fatal automobile accident. He provided an Engine 4 update, signing off on the last two documents for Marion. The engine is moving forward; he expects it to be complete in the fall 2020. Relative to the budget, the department continues to do maintenance and testing of hose and equipment. The Department used a \$2,500 grant to purchase hoses. Engine 2 poses continual maintenance problems. Most recently the engine was serviced by Gowans at an estimated cost between \$2,000 to \$3,000. Engine 1 has pump problems. He anticipates using Shippens in Waterford, CT for service because the engine is old, but the vendor will be able to retrofit parts. The volunteers raised \$20,000 that was used to purchase eight radios. The volunteers also put in an order for six sets of body armor. There is an environmental problem with the chemicals in the foam used in fight fires. The Chief is waiting for the State to issue new environmental mandates. Fortunately, foam is not used often in fighting fires in Easton. There are two new member volunteers on probation. However, the new volunteers did not offset the number of volunteers no longer active. He's hoping to boost the number of volunteers in the future.

Commissioner Buchanan motioned to go into executive session at 8:25 pm. Commissioner Miranda seconded. The Commission came out of executive session at 8:50 pm.

There was a discussion of the body of data requested by the Finance Committee. Chief Waugh suggested that a consultant be hired to review data from all emergency services, such as, communications and ISO specifications, to provide a unified approach.

Commissioner Miranda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Commissioner Katz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary