

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 20th, 2024
*Filed subject to approval.***

Attendance: D. Katz, J. Miranda, J. Yeotsas, P. Berry, R. Klem

Also in attendance: Fire Marshall P. Neary

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm. Commissioner Miranda moved to approve the February 21st, 2024, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Yeotsas, Minutes approved with no changes.

Chief Klem gave his report. There were 40 calls in February and 36 calls in March. The department budget is in line with projections. However, the maintenance budget might go over budget because repairs to Engine 3 – brakes, shocks and a new battery – are needed.

The Fire Marshall gave his report. Please see attached. We discussed putting Burn Permits online, but homeowners must come to the Firehouse once a permit is approved to pick up the permit. FM Neary is still looking into possible online alternatives.

The UTV is now in-service and was used on a recent call to Jump Hill Preserve. Licensing and insurance still need to be finalized.

Chief Klem reviewed the status of the new radio project. There is a proposal on the table for \$3 million, but further discussion is needed. Another option is to join the State of CT emergency radio network. Many other towns have joined the state system, and it might be a viable alternative. Chief Klem to give a recommendation to the commissioners on next steps.

The SCBA air compressor was delivered. It needs to be installed in the Firehouse.

The specifications for the Engine 1 replacement are being finalized. Chief Klem mentioned he is leaning to purchasing an engine from Seagrave.

We had a spirited discussion on improving ISO ratings in the northern part of town. More discussion is needed.

We reviewed portions of the recently released OSHA Emergency Response Standard. The report is very comprehensive, and portions might put unnecessary burden on the EVFD/EFD when responding to a call.

The Commission entered Executive Session at 9:00pm and came out of Executive Session at 9:20pm. No motions were decided upon during the session.

Commissioner Katz moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22pm PM. It was seconded by Commissioner Miranda and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Commissioner David Katz, Secretary

Easton Fire Marshal

Monthly Report

February 2024

Burning Permits: 25 permits, 51 permits year to date

Blasting Permits: None

Fire Investigations: None

Public & FM Education: - Easton Senior Center Fire Safety Presentation May 10, 2024@930 am.

Fire Code: Black Rock Congregational Church renovation reinspection.

Easton Public Library-

Christ Nursery School, change in State Licensing

Report Request: - None

Other: 2024/2025 Budget Presentation, Board of Finance

Easton EMS Building Research on Sprinkler requirements

Processed Knox Box application for Black Rock Congregational Church.

Researched on-line Open Burning Application using Town of Easton Website.

Tennessee Gas repair work on Natural Gas Pipeline on Bartling Drive

Respectively submitted:

Peter G. Neary

Peter Neary, Fire Marshal