

Easton Fire Commission

Regular Meeting

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

Also in attendance: S. Waugh, P. Neary, P. Skritch, T. Pajonas, C. Meskers

Commissioner Monda called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

Chief Waugh provided the incident report. In December there were 37 incidents and 15 incident types. He also mentioned for the year ended December 31, 2014 there were 551 calls versus 383 calls from the previous year. The calls were up 172 mostly due to the excellent service the Department provided to the town as supplemental first responders.

Jon Davis, the new full time firefighter hire, did not pass his first attempt on the practical portion of the EMT exam. He took the exam a second time and the Chief will find out the results soon. He has excellent evaluations from his superiors on both his behavior and work ethic. Commissioner Cable motioned to continue Jon Davis' probationary status for six months or until he passes the practical part of the EMT exam. Commissioner Miranda seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Waugh distributed the proposed FY 2015-2016 budget. The Commission expressed their concern about the format of the Chief's worksheet and would like to see actual numbers and more historical data in the future. Chief Waugh will provide that information. The Chief discussed his concern about the insurance expense for Davies. Last year Davies opted out of the insurance provided by the town, but he has not always done this. Davies is not required to tell the town about his intentions when the budget is prepared. Chief Waugh wanted to keep the full cost of \$28,107.73 (versus \$3,000.00 opt out cost) for Davies' insurance policy because of this uncertainty. The Commission agreed to keep the Davis' full insurance cost in the Department's budget. Also, the Commission discussed a modest reduction of the Fire Transportation account as the price of fuel has gone down significantly. Chief Waugh said the additional fuel used for the supplemental response calls offsets any savings. Commission Miranda motioned to accept the budget as presented. Commissioner Buchanan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Marshal Neary did not have a report. He will have the Fire Marshal's budget at the next Commission meeting. He discussed the use of LoCip funds to cover infrastructure.

C. Meskers said the firefighters volunteers want to know more about the insurance the town specifically covers for them. What protection does the town provide? It was suggested to invite a representative from the Insurance Commission to the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Buchanan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary