

Easton Fire Commission

Special Meeting

January 24, 2018

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

Also in attendance: P. Neary, S. Waugh

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

Commissioner Cable nominated D. Buchanan to be Chair of the Commission for 2018. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Buchanan distributed the December 2017 minutes. Commissioner Katz motioned to approve the December minutes. Commissioner Pajonas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Buchanan presented the regular meeting schedule for the Fire Commission for 2018. Commissioner Pajonas will be moving from Easton on March 1, 2018 and will resign from the Commission.

Marshal Neary presented the Fire Marshal's budget. A \$4,700 increase in the budget is to purchase gear to be compliant with current requirements. He also discussed the purchase of two monitors plus a meter for \$3,150. All items totaled \$7,450, and that was the increase in the capital budget. Operating costs increased 8.72%. The entire budget increased 23.72%. Commissioner Buchanan motioned to approve the budget. Commissioner Pajonas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Waugh discussed the Fire Department's budget. Wages increased slightly due to a step increase and eligibility for overtime and longevity. Health insurance decreased. Firefighters will be given a gift card membership worth \$300.00 to the Fitness Edge. The operating budget increased 5.72%. A significant part of the capital increase was the replacement of 42 SCBA bottles at a cost of \$1K per bottle. Chief Waugh researched refurbishing the bottles which would cost less money, but is not yet NIOSH approved. Chief Waugh also mentioned the capital increase of \$60,000 in 2021/ 2022 which relates to the replacement of packs. The Commissioners advised the Chief to keep the \$42,000 for the new SCBA bottles in the budget to avoid possible future legal liabilities. The entire budget increased by 3.9%. Commissioner Buchanan motioned to approve the budget. Commissioner Miranda seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chief Waugh presented the incident report for January. There were 44 incidents. Total incidents for 2017 totaled 513.

Commissioner Miranda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Commissioner Katz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Roberta Cable, Secretary