

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 25, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

Video/teleconference meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. Present were Chairman Robert Massey, Jr., Commissioners LaCroix, Ahern, Fox. Commissioners Clem and Riccio were absent. Also present was Fire Chief Thomas Mahoney.

Fire Chief Thomas Mahoney provided the following update:

The department has responded to 5,766 calls for service from July 1, 2019 to June 23, 2020, averaging 16 calls per day. Monday is the busiest day on average with 1:00 p.m. being the busiest hour.

There have been 4,543 EMS incidents from July 1, 2019 2– June 23, 2020, resulting in 3,517 transports to area hospitals. 77% transport to 23% non-transport.

We are having trouble finding qualified Paramedics to work the part-time ambulance shifts. Out of ten applications received after the last posting, we only had one with New Haven Medical Control and they did not respond for their interview. The result is that we use full-time employees who earn a much higher rate of pay than part-time employees to cover shifts. Our part-time pool typically earns more at their full time jobs which causes them to take less shifts or book off.

All revenue targets for Fiscal Year 20 have been exceeded with the exception of the SAFER grant. Fiscal Year to date we've received a total of \$317,270.00 in SAFER Grant reimbursements and will submit our final invoice of this fiscal year after June 30, 2020. Once payment is received we will have met our revenue goal for SAFER.

YTD (06/23/2020) ambulance revenue is \$2,035,884.30

The following accounts are significantly over budget and will require internal transfers: Overtime, Educational Incentive and Accumulated Sick Pay. This is primarily due to vacancies created by retirements as well as, the cost of training our new Paramedics. The vacancies have been filled however, one firefighter is still attending the Fire Academy and because of COVID-19 will not finish until the end of July. The vacant positions are filled through the overtime account and are required to meet contractual minimum staffing requirements.

Motion made by Commissioner Fox to approve a request from Fire Chief Thomas Mahoney for the following end of year transfers to close out the 2019/2020 budget year, as may be amended by the Finance Department:

**From:**

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10142040-517000	Regular Wages & Salaries	\$35,000.00
10142040-518200	Sick	\$45,000.00

**To:**

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10142040-518000	Overtime	\$80,000.00

**From:**

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10142040-518150	Holiday Pay	\$8,500.00

**To:**

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10142040-519025	Educational Incentive	\$8,500.00

**From:**

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10142040-518200	Sick	\$17,268.00

**To:**

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10142040-519030	Accumulated Sick Pay	\$17,268.00

**From:**

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10142040-518010	Overtime-Public Events	\$15,000.00

**To:**

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10142040-566600	Medical Supplies	\$15,000.00

**From:**

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10142040-526100	Uniforms	\$1,998.00

**To:**

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10142040-579300	Furniture and Fixtures	\$1,998.00

**From:**

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10142040-5XXXXX	To be determined	\$15,000.00

**To:**

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10142040-544170	Hydrants and Mains	\$15,000.00

**From:**

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10142040-5XXXXX	To be determined	\$22,000.00

**To:**

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
20342040-544300-18508	Port Security Grant Cost Share	\$22,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Ahern to approve a request from Fire Chief Thomas Mahoney to increase the base hourly rate of Part-Time EMTs and Paramedics to:

- Part Time – EMT \$22.00
- Part Time – Paramedic \$30.00”

Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Fox to table a request from Fire Chief Thomas Mahoney to purchase a Sutphen Pumper Demo unit Build #485/HS-6208 to replace the 28 year old Stony Creek Engine 5 from Shipman’s Fire Equipment, Co. in the amount of \$506,004.01 pending review of the specifications and contract. Seconded by Commissioner Ahern. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner LaCroix to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici  
Clerk