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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 22, 2018 – unapproved

Fire Department Headquarters

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The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. Present were Commissioners Massey, Fox, Clem and LaCroix. Absent were Commissioners Carfora and Riccio. Also present were Fire Chief Mahoney and RTM Member Don Conklin.

Motion made by Commissioner Clem to approve the minutes of January 29, 2018 (special meeting) and December 16, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous.

Fire Chief Mahoney reported that the department handled 479 calls for service during the month of December, 565 in January and 344 to date in the month of February. The department responded to 5997 incidents in 2017, 72% were EMS and Rescue related. The proposal to purchase small boats has stalled, they will be added to the Capital request for FY 2019. The fifth ambulance was placed in service in January. It is fully equipped at the Advanced Care level and staffed only by call in crews when available. The Police and Firefighters Insurance Association donated a training prop valued at \$200.

Finance – Chief Mahoney reported that the replacement accounts are under pressure due to three vacant positions as well as, sick, and injury.

Buildings – Chief Mahoney reported that GGB handled a major repair to the compressor at headquarters. The Station 9 Committee will be presenting to the Board of Finance on Monday, February 26, 2018 requesting the \$1,000,000 appropriation.

Personnel – Chairman Massey reported that there are two firefighters on sick leave, one on light duty and two recruits are at the Fire Academy and one is completing the hiring process. Two firefighters are preparing for retirement. Chief Mahoney also stated that Rescue 2 is under pressure with the vacancies.

Training – Commissioner Clem reported that Annual Hazmat training will take place in March. Physicals will also be completed by the end of March. The state trailer will be here during the month of March and also there will be training at the house the town recently acquired on Church Street.

Apparatus – Commissioner LaCroix reported that Rescue 1 is back in service and the new Chevy Tahoes are in service and the Crown Victoria has been turned over to the town.

EMS – Commissioner Fox reported that Ambulance revenue is trending ahead of last year. Our projected revenue for FY 2019 is expected to be \$2,000,000 providing call volume stays the same.

Pension and Communications – Commissioner Clem reported that the next pension committee meeting will be March 1. They will review the 2017 run reports. There are 37 Firefighters on the list this year. The number is consistently dropping each year.

The Commission discussed the proposed FY 2018-2019 budget at length. Discussion took place concerning the need for additional staffing. The overall proposed increase to the budget is 9.63%. This includes the contractual costs and changes in the Fire Marshal's contract. Motion made by Commissioner Fox to approve the proposed budget including any modifications as recommended by the Finance Director and the First Selectman. Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Fox to authorize the Chief to apply for the Safer Grant when the application process opens. Seconded by Commissioner Clem. Vote unanimous.

Assistant Chief's Report – no report. Chairman Massey reported that he will be presenting the Assistant Chief's contract to the Board of Finance on Monday.

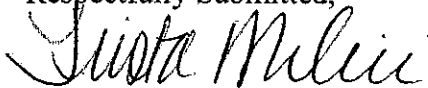
Old Business - none

New Business – Motion made by Commissioner Fox to accept the request from Short Beach Co 4 for a rental increase in the amount of \$1,250 for FY 2018-2019. Seconded by Commissioner Clem. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Clem to allow M.P. Rice to take the truck to the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Seconded by Commissioner Fox. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Commissioner Fox to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner LaCroix. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Trista Milici
Clerk