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Town Manager

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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Board of Fire Commissioners

May 12, 2022



Brian Whalen
Frank L. DeMaio
Kent E. Stoddard, Jr.
Fire Commissioners

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Whalen. Meeting began with Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Attendance** – Chairman Brian Whalen, Commissioner’s Frank DeMaio, Kent Stoddard, Chief Jeff Trommer, Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre, Deputy Chief Craig Stegmaier, Deputy Chief Robert Regina, Fire Marshal DJ Zordan, Town Council Liaison Tim Manke.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner DeMaio made a motion to approve the March 10, 2022 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Communications**- Commissioner DeMaio went over the monthly reports. A motion was made by Commissioner Stoddard to approve communications, seconded by Commissioner DeMaio. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Ledger Status** - Commissioner Stoddard reviewed the ledger status. It is good shape. Chief’s met Monday to go over the ledger. Purchases are ready to be made before the end of the fiscal year. Commissioner Stoddard made a motion to accept the ledger status, seconded by Commissioner DeMaio. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **Old Business** –
 - Radio System Update- A proposal from Paul Boutot has been received explaining the purchase. A consultant has been hired by the Town to oversee the entire process. Town has until June 24th to sign without possibility of price change. It is in good shape. Everyone except the BOE will be on the new State Radio System. The new system is about a year out before it will be up and rning.
 - Truck 2 Update –Nothing new to report, everything is in the process and truck is scheduled for delivery in September.
 - Grant Update –We have received the funding and all equipment has been ordered from Firematic. Should receive equipment on sight in six to eight weeks. Will do a formal presentation when received. No new updates on other grants applied for, awarding should start taking place in late May, early June.

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- Update on Formal Requests For Company 3 and 4 Expansion- Chief Trommer stated no formal update has been presented at this time. Still working on finalizing.
- Fee Schedule for Fire Marshal Department - Fire Marshal DJ Zordan stated he will have a proposal to review for next meeting with any changes going into effect July1, 2022 if approved. Chief Trommer stated the Fire Department is also working on implementing some new billing which Rocky Hill is currently using. A billing company will be used for these. All billing will go through Insurance Company's not the property owners. Town Manager Chapman had requested us to research this.
- Update on Rules and Regulations Revisions- Deputy Chief Stegmaier has completed the review with his committee and has forwarded to the Chief for review. An Executive Session will be scheduled for the Chief to review with the Commission and will be put on the agenda to act on in June.

VII. New Business –

- A discussion of changing the starting time of Commission meetings from 7:30 to 7:00. A motion was made by Commissioner DeMaio to change the starting time of regular scheduled meetings from 7:30 to 7:00, seconded by Commissioner Stoddard. Motion passed unanimously.
- Covid Update- Chief Trommer discussed Covid within the Department. The Department is in good shape with a few positive cases reported. The guidelines change weekly and we continue to follow whatever rules the EMD advises. Our Safety Division has worked very hard on this to keep the Department safe.
- Memorial Day Parade – The parade is May 28th and we will participate in it doing our normal activities. We will participate in parade, attend ceremony and visit the cemetery. We will be hosting a picnic at Company 1 after the Town Hall Ceremony for Veterans and our members. Looking forward to having the parade back after two years.

VIII. Public Participation –

Town Council Liaison Tim Manke thanked the Department for all they do for the Town, it is very much appreciated. It has been a very busy couple of days with the fires on Reservoir Road and on Cedar Mountain, the Department handled everything great.

Chief Trommer stated it had been a very busy few days and the Department worked flawlessly. Thank you to everyone for what they do every day. The fire on the mountain was very difficult to get to. We had to repel over mountain to get to it. Damage was about the size of a football field.

IX. Commissioners Remarks – Commissioner Stoddard – Echo Town Council Liaison Manke. Asked about status of Company 5 heating and AC. AC is complete, waiting on heating.

Commissioner DeMaio – Was at the fire on Reservoir Road. Excellent job by all. Department is well run by all the Chief Officers.

Chairman Whalen – Department has never let him down in 42 years. The Department is the best Department with the best work ethic and professionalism. Received a text message from a woman who observed the fire on Reservoir Road and videoed it. She said it was amazing to watch the firefighters in action and was very impressed. A great job was also done making sure Anna Reynolds school was safe. Congratulations to all recipients of awards at the Award Banquet. It was a great night.

X. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Stoddard, seconded by Commissioner DeMaio. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sherri Leghorn, Fire Department Secretary