

Board of Fire Commissioners  
October 2, 2018  
Company #1 Firehouse  
Regular Meeting

Commissioners present: Jennifer Spencer, Bruce Dutch Absent: Howard Bogue  
Visitors: Chief Auld, John Sarnik, Emmett Lyman

1. Call to Order 6:02pm
2. Acceptance of Minutes
  - a. Motion by J. Spencer, seconded by B. Dutch, to accept the minutes from September 4, 2018. Motion so passed.
3. Bill Approval: Recent submissions reviewed and discussed.
  - a. Confirmed Overhead door invoice was for door #2 at Co. #2 but has not been completed as wall between doors need to be shored up.
  - b. Upcoming Safety Officer training is for Kyle Mosig, Adam Mosig and Justin Potash.
  - c. Jiffy noted that there were several invoices missing from Shagbark this past month – reiterated importance of receiving these for proper billing.
4. Budget Recap:
  - a. Career staff OT is over budget at this time. The best way to cover this is being discussed with Emmett Lyman with possible change to 10 hour shifts from 6:00am to 4:30pm - 4 days a week with the off day covered by 2 part-time employees. This is in discussion stages to determine best way to cover Town and meet budget.
  - b. Uniform budget for new career staff is up but is no problem at this time. They are completing purchase of new attire per new guidelines.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Career staff have obtained almost all gear /uniforms needed.
6. Visitors Participation:
  - a. Emmett Lyman noted the possibility of starting random drug testing of all personnel of Fire Dept/ Paid staff who drive the apparatus. Discussion took place. Fire Commissioners to take this under advisement. Follow up at next meeting.
  - b. JD noted he has completed and has had the new R-1 sheet reviewed and it is going to printers. Copy given to FC.
7. Fire Chief's Report:
  - a. Chief Auld notes the S-10 Fire Police truck needs brakes repaired.
  - b. Engine 1-15 which failed a prior pump test was taken to alternate location - it passed pump test as well as having faulty valves fixed. Cost showed significant savings from the expected cost of \$15,00 to \$20,000. This repair at 5-Star was less than \$5,000.
  - c. Engine 2-15 also with no issues after having been to Firstline for concerns.
  - d. Chief Auld and JD Sarnik noted there has been significant turnover of employees at Firstline and many have gone to 5-Star.

- e. Chief Auld suggests we choose 5-Star as primary repair location for all fire apparatus. Discussion took place. It was determined despite the distance to get to 5-Star the cost savings is a bigger benefit. Many other large fire companies utilize 5-Star including Hartford FD and New Britain FD.
  - f. Motion made by B. Dutch, seconded by J. Spencer, to utilize 5-Star as primary location for repair of fire apparatus. Motion passed.
  - g. Fire Boat is almost done as of last report from Atlantic Outboard. It is due 10-06-18 and then will need lettering, radios and appropriate equipment placed before being put in service. Many of these options are being donated including lights by Neil Mosig.
  - h. Coverage by career staff is proving to effect the OT budget and as stated previously noted we are considering 4-ten hour shifts. Needing to review cost effectiveness of the change.
  - i. We had two resignations from career staff to include Jason Armstrong and Ryan Sholes.
8. Fire Marshal's Report:
- a. None
9. Building Report:
- a. Floors at Company #2 are done and apparatus will be moved in this coming weekend.
10. Equipment Report:
- a. As above in Chief's report.
  - b. Our AED has arrived and we are being offered continued use of AED from Eversource
11. Correspondence:
- a. None
12. New Business:
- a. None
13. Adjournment:
- a. Motion by B. Dutch, seconded by J. Spencer to adjourn at 6:50pm. Motion so passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Spencer, Secretary