

Board of Fire Commissioners  
April 2, 2019  
Company #1 Firehouse  
Regular Meeting

Commissioners present: Jennifer Spencer, Howie Bogue  
Visitors: John Sarnik, Don Angersola, Emmett Lyman at 6:20pm

1. Call to Order 6:00pm
2. Acceptance of Minutes
  - a. Motion by H. Bogue, seconded by J. Spencer. Motion passed.
3. Bill Approval: Recent submissions reviewed and discussed. J. Spencer noted she received a letter regarding a Class Action suit. Reviewed by those present. It was determined that we do not deal with this vendor and no action is needed.
4. Budget Recap: Current expenditures reviewed. As has been an ongoing issue OT is high and has been addressed with new budget.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Cameras – quotes being obtained – H. Bogue working with R. Turner. There is another quote being obtained from a vendor not associated with the Town to assure comparable prices – quotes and needs being reviewed with Chief Auld as well.
  - b. Safe purchase – done and in use.
  - c. Floors at Co#1 will be dealt with when weather improves.
  - d. Lights outside Co#2 -They work on sensors so will not be lite all the time. They were not put on a timer.
  - e. Overhead Door to do repairs at both locations on April 2 and April 3. There are many repairs needed at this time. Per R. Turner they are now under contract for yearly maintenance and repairs as needed. Please note if there are any issues with the doors please tell R. Turner and H. Bogue at the same time in an email and as needed a call. As well H. Bogue will have 2 spare remotes available for issues with those – he does have ability to program as needed.
  - f. IT issues have been resolved after comcast did their repairs and now transformer has been repaired as well. If new or recurrent issues redevelop please let M. Knittel know.
  - g. Badges- Craig Mansfield, Steve Dorfman and Jiffy will be able to get badges for FD as needed.
6. Visitors Participation:
  - a. J. Sarnik noted he spoke with First Selectman Lyman regarding changing staffing to be 6am to 6pm Monday - Friday with 2 staff members with beginning of new budget in July as budget for working hours went from 95 to 130 hours. J. Sarnik noted he has several open shifts for April and has had as an ongoing issue – a job posting has been done with

interviews to be held in near future per First Selectman Lyman. J. Sarnik asked if one employee could go to FT status but was told no as we don't have the budget. FC did not they prefer 2 FT employees and backfill with PT employees. We do prefer to hire from within if possible.

- b. Ambulance will now reimburse the Town for any calls taken by the paid staff \$50pp starting April 1. There is one caveat noting the crew must be "on the air" within 2 mins and it must be a full transport not a call and cancellation.
  - c. It was discussed if the income from these runs could go to the overtime budget to defray costs and we were told no it goes to general fund.
7. Chief's Report: J. Sarnik reporting for Chief Auld.
- a. The trailer has been fixed.
  - b. The light tower is being fixed thanks to help from Whelan and Neil Mosig the unit can be retro fitted which is a huge cost savings and lighting will be improved by using LED's.
  - c. It's noted for the first quarter of the year there has been 150 calls for Fire/ EMS
8. Fire Marshal's Report:
- a. D. Angersola notes his budget was approved for \$2,000.
  - b. He spoke with First Selectman Lyman and H. Bogue about the incoming paid staff for Ambulance to be there from 6pm to 6am. It is not to code for "sleeping". First Selectman Lyman adamantly stated they will not sleep, "it will not happen". They will however be bringing recliners to the building which was approved per L. D'Aquila.
9. Building Report: H. Bogue noted he and R. Turner will work on completing estimates and work on the office updates requested once quotes obtained. They appreciate the offer of paid staff to do the work but may not utilize the offer to get job done quickly.
10. Equipment Report: See Chief report
11. Correspondence:
- a. None
12. New Business: H. Bogue discussed issue regarding paid staff being told they could not go get lunch to any establishment that sells liquor. He feels this limits them to 2 places being Gristmill market or DaVinci's. An intense discussion took place with Emmett saying they can go to the pizza house and or the Tavern, they just can't go into the bar area where they serve liquor as their primary source of income vs pizza house which sells alcohol but food is primary income source. The decision came from a complaint from the public and is First Selectman Lyman's decision.
13. Adjournment: Motion by H. Bogue, seconded by J. Spencer to adjourn meeting at 6:55pm. Motion so passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Spencer, Secretary