

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

Commissioners present: Jennifer Spencer, Howie Bogue Absent: Bruce Dutch
Visitors: Chief Auld, John Sarnik, Eric Kolasinski, Emmett Lyman, Carleen Quinn, Bryan Perry

1. Call to Order 6:00pm
2. Acceptance of Minutes
 - a. Motion by H. Bogue, seconded by J. Spencer, to approve the minutes of June 4, 2019. Motion passed.
3. Bill Approval: Recent submissions reviewed and discussed. J. Sarnik noted still waiting for invoice on last set of gear recently purchased. J. Spencer stressed need for invoices must be handed in by end of July to be posted to budget for 2018-2019.
4. Budget Recap: Current expenditures reviewed. All aware bills remain pending and budget is close to what was expected. OT is high as expected at 255% as well building maintenance is high at 173%. J. Spencer to review with Dawn Snow.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Office renovation: Delayed as no recent response from R. Turner. H. Bogue to follow up.
 - b. Remotes for Co#2: Problem continues with one remote for door #2 of old section despite multiple changes and work by H. Bogue. H. Bogue to follow up with R. Turner.
 - c. Floors at Co#1: Will not be done.
 - d. Cameras: No answers yet other than it is too expensive as they need to be on Towns current system. Discussion took place. Firehouses are last of Town buildings without security and we have high dollar equipment that needs to be monitored. J. Sarnik also noted we have had recent property tampered with which if not found could have caused serious injury if not death of a firefighter. H. Bogue to follow up with R. Turner.
 - e. Paving of parking lot at Co#1: Expected to be done this summer. Time TBD-possibly August. One question remains-will this include curbs? H. Bogue to follow up with R. Turner.
 - f. Roof at Co#3: Why was it not done? Unclear but was noted contractor never showed. H. Bogue to follow up with R. Turner.
6. Visitors Participation:
 - a. C. Quinn asked about security. Are there any cameras at all? Noted we have no cameras at all. Discussion regarding importance of being proactive not reactive for safety especially since multiple issues with tampering of firefighter gear and equipment. First Selectman Lyman said he will speak with R. Turner.
7. Fire Chief report:
 - a. Chief Auld asking if EHAA can pay a % of cost of heat/AC power since Vintech is in the building when it is not usually occupied. J. Spencer to discuss getting data from Dawn

Snow and then once at least 6 months has been accrued she will discuss with EHAA BOD.

- b. Has anything been done with the ongoing issue of Vintech staff sleeping in the building. H. Bogue notes even today he walked in at 5:30pm and found one tech sleeping. Photos have been taken of them sleeping. They have cots in building s well. Smoke detectors have been installed but building is still not rated for sleeping. First Selectman Lyman states they are not sleeping there per agreement with EHAA and even if sleeping before 6pm it is of no concern as they are not on duty. It was clearly stated this particular tech was on duty as of 4pm. Discussion again took place with no issue resolved.
- c. Chief Auld asked if they can rent a floor cleaning machine in order to preserve new floors in the bays. Encouraged getting costs from R. Turner.
- d. New hoses are needed. 2 vendors have been checked for costs and bring to next meeting for review.
- e. Lighting for the new boat is ongoing.
- f. Ladder inspection due.
- g. Chief Auld requesting 1 new chair for conference room as all are breaking now. Given a location for purchase of refurbished chairs. Transfer Enterprises which H. Bogue will check on.
- h. Requesting approval to purchase another AED this year for Engine #1. All agreed this is a good choice. J. Spencer has access to AED purchase costs and will assist in process for next budget year. Plan is to get same AED to remain consistent with current ones in use. As well need to speak with Brad Parker as the AED at Senior Center is not of same brand and will be encouraged to get an AED so all buildings are the same. J. Spencer to discuss with B. Parker. First Selectman Lyman noted he has 2 available for use. Possibly available for Senior Center to defray costs.

8. Fire Marshal's Report: None

9. Building Report: No changes

10. Equipment Report:

- a. Engine 4 needs a headlight. This is being addressed.
- b. Holley tubes needed. This is in progress.
- c. H. Bogue requests using PO for any Napa purchases.

11. Correspondence:

- a. Request from Youth and Family Services to participate in Summer Palooza Festival Saturday, July 27th 11am to 2pm at Heritage Park. Chief Auld to address at tonight's meeting.

12. New Business: None

13. Adjournment: Motion made by H. Bogue, seconded by J. Spencer, to adjourn meeting at 6:50pm. Motion so passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Spencer, Secretary