

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

Commissioners present: Jennifer Spencer, Bruce Dutch, Howie Bogue
Visitors: Chief Auld, John Sarnik, Joe Zaid, Don Angersola, Laurie D'Aquila

1. Call to Order 6:00pm
2. Acceptance of Minutes
 - a. Motion by H. Bogue, seconded by B. Dutch, to approve the minutes of September 3, 2019. Motion passed.
3. Bill Approval: Recent submissions reviewed and discussed including review of recent cost from 5-star to fix Engine #1. We were given cost of parts not including labor. Commissioners requested they please be specific when giving estimates. Also reviewed recent purchase of radios. Again no one mentioned the need for purchase nor the cost. It was indicated that the Fire Department doesn't expect any further need to utilize the communications budget again this year.
4. Budget Recap: Current expenditures reviewed. Communications budget at 86%.
5. Old Business:
 - a. J. Sarnik made a request noting the need to repost for additional part-time FF/EMT staff. J. Spencer to discuss with First Selectman Lyman.
 - b. Security Cameras – Chief Auld noted the estimate is for up to 16 cameras / DVR – 100-foot night vision – motion activated / 1week storage / off site storage with fail safes in place. Cost is approximately \$1,800 for equipment. Chief Auld and J. Sarnik to install. Another option is to be obtained before a decision is made and discussed with R. Turner for approval. Fire Department budget does have \$6,000 at this time in capital for security.
 - c. Office Renovation – This is on hold until end of year dependent on budget.
 - d. Chairs for meeting room – J. Spencer to get prices.
 - e. Upgrade to Co#1 – Requirement is to make safe for occupancy overnight. L. D'Aquila noted the East Haddam Ambulance Association Board of Directors had more questions to be answered before agreeing on paying. She asked if we need the glass between the office and bays. It was a unanimous yes from the Fire Department and Fire Commissioners. L. D'Aquila is looking to reduce costs where possible. She asked if the door to the office could be used as the door into the “sleeping” area. The plan is to get firmer costs and begin work as soon as possible with guidance from R. Turner.

6. Visitors Participation: L. D'Aquila again offered a Stop the Bleed Class – Epi training -- encouraged to s/w Ray Swol. She also noted free flu shots this week at Senior Center on October 9, 2019 from 3:00-6:00pm.

Visitor Joe Zaid asked why the Fire Department needs security. It was noted it is a preventative measure.

7. Fire Chief's Report: Tanker #2 being repaired and is due back next week. Appropriate trucks having PM / DOT done per yearly guidelines. Q class is done. Pump class is pending. FF2 will start after two more complete FF1.
8. Fire Marshal's Report: Fire Prevention will be at the Elementary School on October 10, 2019.
9. Building Report:
 - a. No changes
10. Equipment Report: Need a 4-gas meter as one failed testing. A new one is \$700 and repair is \$800. The decision was made to buy a new one.

J. Sarnik asked if he could search for and request from First Selectman permission to write a grant for a ladder truck. It comes fully stocked with equipment and hose. The cost is one million but the cost to the Town is \$50,000.

Pump testing is due. Discussion took place. Motion by B. Dutch, seconded by H. Bogue to use 5-star versus Pete Freeman from East Hampton. Motion passed. We will stay with 5-star for testing and repair.

Boat lights will be addressed during the winter.

11. Correspondence:
 - a. None
12. New Business: Lasagna dinner will be at Co#1 on October 19, 2019 from 5:00-7:00pm.
13. Adjournment: Motion by B. Dutch, seconded by H. Bogue, to adjourn meeting at 6:48pm. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Spencer, Secretary