Town of Plymouth

Board of Fire Commissioners

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Fire Commission Minutes December 10, 2020

Call to Order: Chairman Martin Sandshaw called the scheduled December 10, 2020, Fire Commission Zoom Meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

Roll Call: Via ZOOM were: Chairman Martin Sandshaw, Commissioner Daniel Wollenberg, Commissioner Keith Golnik, Commissioner Mark Redman and Commissioner Victor Mitchell. Also in attendance via ZOOM were: Chief Mark Sekorski, Deputy Chief Greg Cody, Assistant Chief Chris Masi, Deputy Chief Derek Freimuth and Fire Marshal Ray Kovaleski.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Martin Sandshaw led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes dated November 12, 2020:

A motion was made by Commissioner Daniel Wollenberg, seconded by Commissioner Keith Golnik to approve the November 12, 2020 Minutes. This motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioners' Reports

Chief's Report:

Chief Sekorski reported the following:

Chief Sekorski attended the bid walk thru for the generator. The low bid was \$35,000. Trying to find out where the money is coming from to pay for it.

The generator at Plymouth is being moved to HQ. Will hook up generator temporary for the winter.

Had a meeting about air packs.

Executive board meeting for Waterbury Area Chiefs on 12/3.

Litchfield County Chiefs meeting is this Monday.

All members wear a mask at fire calls.

Mutual Aid call - helped Thomaston on Route 8 last Saturday.

No big fires.

Stamp campaign winding down.

Met with officers in November - talked about COVID protocols.

CDC guidelines - positive – stay home for 10 days. A test is not needed to comeback. Must quarantine for 14 days if exposed and need a negative test and a doctor note to come back to fire house. Can go to Bristol to get tested.

Air packs – have 2 years left. Would like the Commission to send a letter to the Mayor and Board of Finance asking them for \$700,000 to purchase new ones.

A motion was made by Commissioner Victor Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Wollenberg to send a letter to the Mayor and Board of Finance asking for money for air packs. This motion was approved unanimously.

The air packs were purchase in 2012 and are due in 2022 per standard.

Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Golnik went over the ledger.

Assistant Chief Chris Masi is still waiting to hear back from Eversource about the Fall Mountain bill.

Fire Marshal's Report: Fire Marshal Raymond Kovaleski went over his Monthly Report, Monthly Budget Expenses and List of Incidents in detail for the month of November.

Fire Marshal Kovaleski informed the Commission that Deputy Fire Marshal Robert Norton will be back to work part time in 2 months. He will be doing office work.

Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshal Doback are doing research on codes as they are not doing inspections at this time.

Communications:

Radio Report: Deputy Chief Greg Cody reported everything is good. The 2 - way set up on the phones are working better.

Buildings and Grounds Report: Assistant Chief Chris Masi reported he is working with a contractor who built the Plymouth Fire House and Schaffer as the water heater needs to be replaced. Trying to get a deal on a new one or money towards a new one.

Need the generator for heat at HQ hooked up. The budget is good.

Equipment Report: Deputy Chief Derek Freimuth reported the new thermal imaging camera is mounted on Engine 5. Engine 8 has one too. Hose needs to be replaced that failed. There is money in the budget for that.

Training Report: On hold due to COVID.

Trucks Report: Deputy Chief Greg Cody reported there are a couple small repairs that maintenance is going to fix. Moved some money around to cover repairs for the tower. Information for the lease purchase and purchase for the new truck will be given to the Mayor.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

None

A motion was made by Commissioner Victor Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Wollenberg to accept the 2021 meeting dates. This motion was approved unanimously. See attached.

Public Comment:

None

Chairman Sandshaw wanted to thank the Chiefs, members of the fire department and Commissioners for everything they have done. Everyone has done an outstanding job! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Adjournment:

There being no further business of the Fire Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Mark Redman, seconded by Commissioner Keith Golnik to adjourn. This motion was approved unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Linda Schnaars

Recording Secretary

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To:

Erica Cabiya, Town Clerk

From: Board of Fire Commissioners

Date: December 10, 2020

In compliance with Section 1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the following is a listing of the dates of the regular meeting for the Board of Fire Commissioners.

The Board of Fire Commissioners meetings take place at Terryville Fire Department, 21 Harwinton Avenue, Terryville, Connecticut and at Terryville Fire Department Station 2, Plymouth Company, 691 Main Street, Plymouth. The meetings alternate the location every month.

The meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM.

However, the meetings are being conducted via ZOOM until further notice from the Mayor.

January 14, 2021 February 11, 2021 March 11, 2021 April 8, 2021 *** May 13, 2021 June 10, 2021 *** July 8, 2021 August 12, 2021 *** September 9, 2021 October 14, 2021 *** November 11, 2021 December 9, 2021 ***

*** Meeting will be at Plymouth Fire House.

Respectfully submitted, Martin Sandshaw

Martin Sandshaw Chairman