

**Board of Fire Commissioners  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 28, 2018  
5:30 pm East Brooklyn Department**

- 1. Call to Order** **Call to Order:** First Selectman, Richard Ives called the meeting to order at 5:33p.m. (17:33 hours).

**Attendance:** Rick Ives; Lou Brodeur; Jeff Otto; Patrick Gauthier.  
Felix Ramos and James Soler were absent with notice.

**Others Present** –Sandra Brodeur: Jim Warren, East Brooklyn Fire Chief (arrived at approximately 5:37 p.m.)

- 2. Public Comment** – None.

- 3. Insurance Discussion**

Rick Ives explained the proposal provided by VFIS.

- Premium is substantially less (\$20,000+).
- One big difference that affects only Mortlake is the property deductible (building and contents) is \$500 rather than \$250.  
Guaranteed replacement cost on the building. Blanket instead of guaranteed on the contents which Mr. Ives feels is as good or better.
- The deductible for Equipment stays the same
- Automobile is replacement or what is on the policy. There were adjustments to values. There was discussion regarding a testing requirement on all aerials which has to be done every year.  
Mr. Ives will provide breakdowns to each Fire Department. The cost for Station 2 can be lowered.
- The hot dog stand has been removed from the policy.
- Two vehicles (2015 and 201) have the wrong model numbers associated with them. There was discussion and it was decided to value both of them at \$190,000.
- Mr. Ives explained the umbrella coverage/excess liability.
- Mr. Ives recommends the Accident Policy coverage (supplement to Worker's Comp).  
There was discussion regarding total disability coverage. Mr. Otto expressed concern for benefits to a person who is seriously, but not totally, disabled. He suggests that this be discussed over the next few months and perhaps modify the policy to obtain additional coverage.  
There was discussion regarding the Connecticut State Fireman's Association Accident Policy which does not cover people who are not fireman.

Mr. Ives explained that this proposal has a separate policy for management liability so it has two sets of limits.

Motion was made by J. Otto that the First Selectman be authorized by the Board of Fire Commissioners to bind the insured parties under the proposed insurance coverage to VFIS as insurance provided under the proposal they have submitted. Second by L. Brodeur. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

There was discussion regarding work that is being done on the Tiffany building and also on a building on Front Street.

**4. Other Business – None.**

**5. Public Comment – None.**

**6. Next Meeting – July 11, 2018, at Mortlake Fire Department**

**7. Adjourn**

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. Second by P. Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault  
Recording Secretary