Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 12, 2022 7:00 pm via Zoom & **Clifford B. Green Meeting Center** Suite 24, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Austin Tanner, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. (19:08 hours).

Attendance: Austin Tanner; Leo Berube; Patrick Gauthier; Jeff Otto; Felix Ramos (all present in person). Michael Podzaline and James Solar were present via Zoom.

Others Present – S. Breen, Mortlake Fire Chief; Jim Warren, East Brooklyn Fire Chief (both present in person).

> There were approximately thirteen people present in person in the audience. David Lee and J.S. Perreault, Recording Secretary, were present via Zoom.

2. Approve Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of November 10, 2021

Motion was made by J. Otto to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2021, as presented.

Second by M. Podzaline. No discussion.

Motion carried by voice vote (7-0-0).

3. Public Comment - None.

4. Election of Officers

Motion was made by J. Otto to nominate Austin Tanner for the position of Chair.

Second by M. Podzaline.

Discussion:

A. Tanner suggested waiting until next month to give time to see if someone else would volunteer for the position.

There were no other nominations.

No vote was taken.

5. Equipment Discussion

- S. Breen reported for Mortlake:
 - Everything is status quo.
 - No major updates on the new truck which is on order and work is being done. Should be ready in November of this year (depending on availability of parts). Mr. Breen will re-send copies of the specs to Mr. Otto as well as others who may be interested.
- J. Warren reported for East Brooklyn:
 - All three trucks are running well.

6. Department Discussion

- a. Recruitment
 - S. Breen stated that they hope to step up their recruitment efforts this year.
- **b.** Retention No discussion.

c. Paid Staff – Subcommittee Update

Mr. Tanner explained that he had thought that the subcommittee was for ambulance. He suggested that maybe there should be two subcommittees. Mr. Gauthier stated that the purpose of the subcommittee was to investigate to come to a conclusion of what is best for everyone involved. There was discussion regarding who would be on the subcommittee. Members of the subcommittee: A. Tanner; the two Chiefs, S. Breen and J. Warren; M. Podzaline; L. Brodeur; and F. Ramos.

J. Otto noted that this would be a subcommittee of a public committee and, therefore, would need to have dates and locations of meetings posted in advance, as well as minutes would need to be filed for each meeting.

First meeting of the Subcommittee: February 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., location either the Clifford B. Green Meeting Center or Town Hall.

There was discussion regarding J. Warren retiring later this month.

7. Financial Reports Discussion

J. Otto stated that East Brooklyn's Report for the 4th calendar quarter was submitted, but they have not received Mortlake's yet. So, this will not be discussed at the next Board of Finance meeting.

a. Budget Discussion

Draft Budgets from each Department are to be presented at the February BoFC meeting for review which allows time for changes to be made. Then, the Final Budgets to be reviewed/submitted at the March BoFC meeting to be forwarded for presentation to the Board of Finance for their review.

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9. Public Comment

Sandra Brodeur stated that the Board of Finance, at their last meeting, decided that they do not want to see the quarterly reports anymore. Mr. Otto stated that this is okay with him if that is what had been discussed and decided.

10. Next Meeting - February 9, 2022.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary

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