

**Board of Fire Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 13, 2017  
7:30 pm East Brooklyn Fire Department**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman, Peter Considine called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. (19:28 hours).

**Attendance:** Peter Considine; Lou Brodeur; Patrick Gauthier; James Soler.  
Jeff Otto arrived at 7:31 p.m.  
Felix Ramos was absent with notice. Rick Ives was absent.

**Others Present** – Jim Warren, East Brooklyn Fire Chief; Stephen Breen, Mortlake Fire Chief; Sandra Brodeur; Tyler Zani, East Brooklyn Fire Department; David Fuss.

2. **Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 9, 2017**

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2017.  
Second by J. Soler. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

3. **Public Comment** – None.

4. **Equipment Discussion**

S. Breen reported that they (Mortlake) did not pass the Hose Testing (lost 400 feet of hose).

5. **Department Discussion** – There was no discussion at this time.
  - a. **Recruitment**

6. **Financial Reports Discussion**
  - a. **Budget Discussion**

P. Gauthier commented that the reports get mailed. S. Brodeur noted that the Board of Finance has not had a meeting since the Town Budget passed. There was discussion regarding an increase in insurance costs.

7. **Other Business**

There was discussion regarding Capital Plans for the trucks. J. Warren explained that they are planning to trade in two trucks (ET 192 and Rescue 192) and to purchase a Mini Pumper at a cost of \$279,000.00 minus trade in. It should be finalized in the spring of 2018.

Mr. Otto arrived at 7:31 p.m. and explained that the Capital Committee will begin meeting in February or March and will probably come up with a final Capital List in May which will be part of the budget submitted to the taxpayers in May/June. It was decided that the proposal regarding the trucks should be ready for March to present to the Capital Committee.

Mr. Otto explained the importance of getting the Capital Request Proposal in early as this is a very difficult year due to the State budget not being approved. He commented that the next couple of years are going to be rough and that taxpayers may be more leery of spending money than they may have been in the past.

**8. Public Comment** – None.

**9. Next Meeting** – October 11, 2017 at Mortlake Fire Department.

**10. Adjourn**

Motion was made by L. Brodeur to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Second by J. Soler. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault  
Recording Secretary