

Board of Fire Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 6, 2014
1930 hrs. East Brooklyn Fire Dept.

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1. Call to Order: Peter Considine called the meeting to order at 1939 hrs.

Roll Call of Board Members - Peter Considine, Patrick Gauthier, Rick Ives, Jeff Otto, Stephen Breen.

James Soler absent with notification.

2. Review of the minutes from April 8th, 2014 - Motion by Jeff Otto to accept the April 8, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion second by Rick Ives. Motion carried Unanimously.

3. Public Comments - Patrick Dragon asked the Commission why the fire departments present their budgets to the Commission and when the budgets are presented to the Board of Finance they do not advocate for each department.

Jeff Otto stated that the town's ordinance states that each fire department needs to present their budgets to the Commission for approval before it is presented to the Board of Finance. He further stated that a representative (Chairman) from the Commission does attend the meeting to answer questions regarding each department's budget, however there were questions from the Board of Finance at this year's meeting that could not be answered. The Board of Finance asked if someone from East Brooklyn could be present at the next meeting to answer these questions.

Peter Considine stated the Board of Finance had specific questions and he could not answer these. He feels it would be to the benefit of East Brooklyn to attend the meeting. It would only enhance the position of East Brooklyn. He also feels that if the Board of Finance makes a request for someone to come in to speak to them, it should be responded to.

Further discussion ensued.

Felix Ramos attends meeting at 1945 hrs.

4. Discussion:

Mortlake Fire Dept. on the replacement of Truck 490 -

Discussion was heard regarding the suggestion that this goes out to bid and also the need for getting a purchase order. Rick Ives reviewed this procedure with the Commission. He feels that everything is on schedule regarding this truck.

Stephen Breen reviewed the most recent updates regarding bids for Truck R490. He stated they have spoken with Pierce regarding a similar truck to Rescue 1. The difference of price between Rescue 1 and Pierce is approximately \$6,000.00. Further discussion was heard regarding the difference between each unit and amount.

Jeff Otto stated that he hopes to make a statement at the Board of Finance meeting that there are two functionally comparable bids. These bids will be used and the request for proposals will cover the towns purchasing order procedure. He further pointed out that the Capital Committee proposed this to be financed over 20 years. However, the new proposal will be for a financing of 10 years.

Board of Finance Meeting April 23rd, 2014 and the need for Chief Warren to clarify the 10% increase of East Brooklyn Fire Dept. Budget for 2014-2015.

Peter Considine, Patrick Dragon, Patrick Gauthier and Stephen Breen stated that they will be in attendance at the Board of Finance next meeting, Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm. to answer any questions they may have.

5. Unfinished Business - None.

6. Motion to have the next meeting on a date to be determined at Mortlake Fire Dept. The Commission discussed the scheduling of the next meeting.

Mortlake Fire Department, 1930 hrs on June 19, 2014.

6. *Motion to Adjourn* - Motion by Patrick Gauthier to adjourn at 20:01 hrs. Second by Felix Ramos. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier