

Town of Brooklyn
Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
5 June 2012

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Attendees: R. Davie Lee (Chair), Austin Tanner (First Selectman), David Fuss, Patrick Gauthier, Donald Church

Absent: Excused: James Soler, Felix Ramos.

Others: James Warren (Chief, East Brooklyn Fire Department), Timothy Brown (EBFD), Douglas Kramer (Fire Marshal)

Called to order at 1934 hrs by the Chair.

Item 1) Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 30 April 2012 were read. Motion was made by A. Tanner and seconded by D. Fuss to accept the minutes. Motion made by P. Gauthier and seconded by D. Fuss to amend the minutes to correct a typo regarding the amount of the capital request for EBFD Fire Truck as \$550,000. Motion carried, unanimously. Motion to Accept Minutes carried, unanimously.

Item 2) Letter from KB Ambulance Corps.

A piece of correspondence was presented at the 30 April Commission meeting by P. Gauthier which contained a proposal from KB Ambulance Corps, Inc. (KB) to provide ambulance service to the town of Brooklyn. Chairman Lee inquired as to whether Mr. Gauthier was an employee of KB. Mr. Gauthier confirmed that he was. It was generally agreed by the members of the Commission that should the Board Fire Commissioner continue with any future discussions regarding KB providing service to the Town of Brooklyn, any employee of KB that was also a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners would need to recuse themselves from the discussion so as to prevent the appearance of any conflict of interest.

The letter from KB dated 30 April 2012 addressed to Chief Warren, from Randy Daggett, Chief of Service, was reviewed. The letter indicated, in part, that KB would be able to provide:

[F]ull coverage to the Town of Brooklyn for the sum of \$10000(sic) per year. Those funds would be for various standbys and events held within Brooklyn. This is an estimate that would be predicated on further analysis of call volume, billing revenue and time of day of the call and a crew demand analysis.

Chairman Lee inquired of Mr. Gauthier, the representative from the East Brooklyn Fire Department, as to the purpose of the correspondence and what its genesis was. Mr. Gauthier

indicated that the intent of the letter is self-evident and believed that it was generated following a discussion between Chief Warren and Mr. Dagget of KB.

Chairman Lee noted that the Department of Public Health grants authority to a Service Provider to provide emergency medical response for a specific geographic area. (Primary Service Area Responder) The current holder of that PSAR designation for the Town of Brooklyn is the Mortlake Fire Company. There are administrative means to change the designated PSAR, but there must be good cause for doing so.

Motion made by D. Fuss and seconded by A. Tanner to invite Mr. Dagget to the next regular meeting for the purpose of making a presentation regarding KB providing ambulance service to the Town of Brooklyn. Motion carried, 4-1 with Chairman Lee voting in the negative.

Item 3) Other Business

Consolidation – discussion and agreement that the topic will be further investigated in the Fall of 2012.

Budget – According to Mr. Tanner, the Town Budget as presented to the Town will include items with respect to the Board Fire Commissioners as follows:

Apparatus Study – removed.

Operating Budgets – no change from what the Board of Fire Commissioners presented.

EDFD Capital Request for \$550,000 remained in the budget.

Mr. Tanner also noted the Length of Service Program payments are still ongoing.

Item 4) Tour of East Brooklyn Fire Apparatus.

The meeting moved outside as a tour of the EDFD Fire Apparatus was conducted by FF. H. Keasling. The Board wishes to express its appreciation for the time and effort of the members of the EBFD in preparing for and conducting the providing the tour.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by P. Gauthier. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2040 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

R. David Lee

Chair