

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2014
7:30pm Mortlake Fire Department**

1. Call the meeting to order - First Selectman, Rick Ives, called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Attendance: Patrick Gauthier, Stephen C. Breen, Jeffrey Otto, and Rick Ives.

Others present: Chief Warren, Chief Skene and East Brooklyn Deputy Chief.

2. Review of meeting minutes – J. Otto made a motion to approve the Wednesday, October 8, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion second by P. Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public comment – None.

4. Discussion of Financial Reports – J. Otto stated that the Board of Finance received the reports from each department at their last meeting and wanted more time to review them and will further discuss these reports at their next meeting. However, Mr. Otto explained that there was a suggestion that an explanation should be given when an expenditure is over budget.

P. Gauthier asked if the departments could have a little more time to get the reports ready. He felt they were given too short of a notice. After discussion it was agreed that the departments will have the reports available one month after the end of the quarter.

M. Otto will report back after the next BOF meeting.

5. Discussion on Fire Trucks – Each Department were asked at the last meeting to present an apparatus inventory for the next meeting. (See Attachments)

P. Gauthier handed out an apparatus inventory for East Brooklyn and Deputy Chief Tim (?) reviewed the handout with the Commission outlining how they utilize each vehicle.

- R-192 – This vehicle goes to about 85% of their calls. It is used on all service calls.

- ET-192 - This is an attack and support vehicle as well as back up apparatus. This vehicle has had issues since they received it. He explained the dog tracking while the vehicle is moving. It is not the proper size vehicle and does not have sufficient air conditioning in the vehicle to allow for rehabbing of fire fighters.
- E-192 - This vehicle is used as the first attack apparatus. Carries firefighters, 750 gallons of water, ladders, hoses, extinguishing agents.

J. Otto asked what he considers to be the two most important uses for each vehicle .

- E-192 - Is multifaceted.
- R-192 - Carries medical equipment and support for boats, cascade system for air tanks/scuba tanks.
- ET-192 - Support vehicle.

Stephen Breen of Mortlake Fire Department next reviewed the apparatus at this department.

- R- 490 (2014) - responds to MVAs, structure fires, carbon monoxide emergencies and mass casualties events.
- R-490 (1986) - this has been replaced with the above vehicle. They are working on selling this vehicle.
- ET-290 - Responds to structure fires, car and brush fires, fire alarms and mutual aid.
- L-190 - Responds to structure fires, chimney fires, special rescues, aids in road closures and mutual aid.
- Service 190 - Used for R1 calls, support vehicle for equipment and general department use.
- ET-190 - Primary attack vehicle and support for MVAs and similar calls.
- E-190 - (NOTE: wrong picture attached to handout) - Responds to brush and grass fires. (This vehicle will not be replaced when it is no longer viable.)
- R-390 - Hauls shower trailer, back up to R-490 when needed.

J. Otto asked Mr. Breen the two most important uses of each truck.

- R-490 - Responding to MVAs and structure fires.
- ET-290 - Structure fires and water supply unit.
- Ladder truck - Chimney fires and structure fires and mutual aid.
- S-190 - R1 calls and support vehicle.
- E-190 - Supply/pump water and mutual aid.
- R-390 - Vehicle to tow mass decomp. trailer and also hazmat spill responses.

The commission next discussed the most recent plan of attack at a fire at Creamery Brook Farm.

J. Otto feels there should be a further review of the apparatus at each department and if there is a need for all of the apparatus.

R. Ives feels there should be a discussion of recruitment of fire fighters.

R. Ives and J. Otto both agree that a 25 year life for each truck is acceptable. The replacement schedule will need to be revised to adjust for this change.

6. Other Business - J. Otto reviewed the CIRMA policy regarding the disability coverage of a fire fighter. The only concern he has is regarding the time limit this policy has in the event a fire fighter is totally disabled. Discussion regarding this issue was heard. It will be looked into further to see if arrangements can be made in the event someone is hurt permanently.

J. Otto made motion to accept the CIRMA policy as the only policy for firefighters regarding disability coverage and to discontinue the second policy. Stephen Breen second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Otto would like to have a fruit basket sent to Commissioner Considine. R. Ives will work on this request.

S. Breen stated that replacement R 490 has been lettered; most equipment has been transferred; radios need to be installed; and training on the use of the vehicle has been done. It should be in service in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Breen did not have any information on the sale of R 490. He does not believe there is currently any interest in this vehicle.

P. Gauthier asked R. Ives if the new financial director will be providing any services to the fire departments. Discussion was heard regarding this issue. R. Ives commented that there will be a change in the chart of accounts in the future.

S. Breen asked about social media and if there has been any further discussions regarding this issue. R. Ives stated he has been asked to put this on hold by the Town Attorney until it can be reviewed further.

7. Public Comment - None.

8. Adjourn – Motion by Patrick Gauthier with a second by Stephen Breen to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is at the East Brooklyn Fire Department on December 10, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K M Desrosier", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Karen M. Desrosier, Clerk

Apparatus Inventory R192

Department Name	East Brooklyn Fire Department
Apparatus Radio ID:	Rescue 192
Date of Survey:	11-10-2014
Make:	International/KME
Model:	4900
Manufacturer:	International Harvester
Year Built:	7-28-98
Date in Service:	2-11-1999
Purchase Price:	\$148k
Estimated Replacement Cost (2010 Dollars)	\$100k
Estimated # of Years of Service:	25
To Be Replaced? Y or N	N
Estimated Replacment Year:	N/A
Mileage:	12304
Transmission: Auto or Standard	Automatic Transmission
Total Hours of Operation - Engine:	2212.6
Total Hours of Operation - Pump:	N/A
Last 12 Month Average Number of Runs:	270
Most Recent Date of Service:	4-2014
Actual last 12 Months Cost of Maintenance:	\$1,542.00
Describe any recent (2 years or less) Major Service:	None
Estimated Annual Cost of Maintenance:	\$2000k
Compliant with current applicable NFPA Standard (Y or N. If Y, which standard)?	Does not meet the 2009 NFPA 1901
Narrative Description of Apparatus Purpose:	House Medicals/Water Rescue Equipment/Dis-entanglement equipment/Manufactuer and deliver compressed class "M" air for SCBA/SCUBA tanks/below grade rescue/certain Ariel Aparatus with built in air systems. Carry FF support equipment
Rate the Overall Vehicle Condition (1-Extremely Poor, 2 Poor, 3-Satisfactory, 4-Good, 5-Excellent):	Good
Number of Qualified Operators:	25

Apparatus Inventory ET192

Department Name:	East Brooklyn Fire Department
Apparatus Radio ID:	Engine Tank 192
Date of Survey:	11-10-2014
Make:	KME
Model:	Custom
Manufacturer:	KME
Year Built:	1993
Date in Service:	10-1993
Purchase Price:	\$164k
Estimated Replacement Cost (2010 Dollars)	\$500k
Estimated # of Years of Service:	4Years
To Be Replaced? Y or N	Y
Estimated Replacment Year:	2016
Mileage:	12903
Transmission: Auto or Standard	Automatic Transmission
Total Hours of Operation - Engine:	2212.6
Total Hours of Operation - Pump:	N/A
Last 12 Month Average Number of Runs:	59
Most Recent Date of Service:	3-20-14
Actual last 12 Months Cost of Maintenance:	\$3k
Describe any recent (2 years or less) Major Service:	Repack pump and service valves (Rebuild Pump)
Estimated Annual Cost of Maintenance:	\$5,500.00
Compliant with current applicable NFPA Standard (Y or N. If Y, which standard)?	Not Compliant NFPA 1901 2009
Narrative Description of Apparatus Purpose:	Carry 6 Fire Fighters/1000 gallons water/Carry FF equipment/ Ladders/ Extinguishing agents/ Lighting devices/ 5 preconnected hose lines/ 5" supply line/ventilation equipment/ This is an attack and support truck as well as a back up apparatus.
Rate the Overall Vehicle Condition (1-Extremely Poor, 2 Poor, 3-Satisfactory, 4-Good, 5-Excellent):	Poor to Satisfactory. Due to budgetary restraints, the truck has been under powered since day 1. Also, the lack of A/C reduces our ability to ReHab over heated Firefigters. Truck Has dog
Number of Qualified Operators:	20

Apparatus Inventory E192

Department Name:	East Brooklyn Fire Department
Apparatus Radio ID:	Engine 192
Date of Survey:	11-10-2014
Make:	Smeal
Model:	Sirius
Manufacturer:	Spartin/Smeal
Year Built:	2013
Date in Service:	4-1-2013
Purchase Price:	\$564,000.00
Estimated Replacement Cost (2010 Dollars)	\$620,000.00
Actual Years of Service:	1.5 years
To Be Replaced? Y or N	Y
Estimated Replacment Year:	2038
Mileage:	4750
Transmission: Auto or Standard	Automatic Transmission
Total Hours of Operation - Engine:	365.8
Total Hours of Operation - Pump:	60.2
Last 12 Month Approx Number of Runs:	68
Most Recent Date of Service:	6-14-2014
Actual last 12 Months Cost of Maintenance:	\$0.00
Describe any recent (2 years or less) Major Service:	N/A
Estimated Annual Cost of Maintenance:	0
Compliant with current applicable NFPA Standard (Y or N. If Y, which standard)?	Does meet NFPA 1901
Narrative Description of Apparatus Purpose:	Carry Fire Fighters/750 gallons water/Carry FF equipment/ Ladders/ Extinguishing agents/ 5 preconnected hose lines/1500' of 5" supply line/Forestry Equipment/ This is a first line attack apparatus/First response to Grass/Brush Fires Car accidents
Rate the Overall Vehicle Condition (1-Extremely Poor, 2 Poor, 3-Satisfactory, 4-Good, 5-Excellent):	5
Number of Qualified Operators:	16

**Mortlake Fire Company
Brooklyn, CT**



Town of Brooklyn - Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire Truck Replacement

FYE	Unit ID#	Replacement Vehicle Year and Type	Life Expectancy	Age at Replacement	Est. Cost (2010 Dollars)	Recommended Replacement Vehicle
2013						
2014	R-490	1994 Rescue	20 Years	20 Years	\$500,000	A true Heavy Rescue (large cab/chassis)
2014						
2015						
2016	ET-192	1993 Engine Tanker	20 Years	23 Years	\$600,000	
2017						
2018	ET-190	1995 Engine Tanker		23 Years	\$600,000	
2019						
2020						
2021	L-190	2001 Aerial Ladder		20 Years		
2022						
2023						
2024	ET-290	2004 Tanker	20 Years	21 Years	TBD	2004 replaced @ \$235K (no cost to town)
2025						
2026						
2027						
2028	S-190	2013 Service	15 Years	15 Years	TBD	
2029						
2030						
2031						
2032						
2033	E-192	2013 Engine		20 Years		
2034	R-490	2016 ET	20 Years	20 Years		
2035						
2036						
2037						
2038	ET-192	2016 Engine Tanker	20 Years	20 Years		
Units not being replaced per mutual agreement:						
E-190						
R-192, will be replaced with service type SUV						
Units not contemplated for replacement by town:						
R-390						
Trench Rescue Repair						
Confined Space Rescue Trailer						
Mass Decontamination Trailer						
DEP Spill Trailer						

RESCUE 490



- 2014 Rescue One with a 30 k generator
- Placed in Service in November 2014
- Heavy Duty Rescue for the Town of Brooklyn. The vehicle contains
 - Two sets of Hurst tool jaws,
 - Has the ability to operate three tools simultaneously.
 - Hurst Cutters and Combination Tool
 - A Gas power and an electric power unit
 - Air packs
 - Hand tools
 - Res-Q-Jacks
 - Air Bags
 - Mass Casualty Equipment
 - Self-contained Breathing apparatus
- Rescue 490 responds to motor vehicles accidents, structure fires, carbon monoxide emergencies and Mass Casualty Events.
 - Most emergency calls within the Town of Brooklyn with the exception of R1 House calls

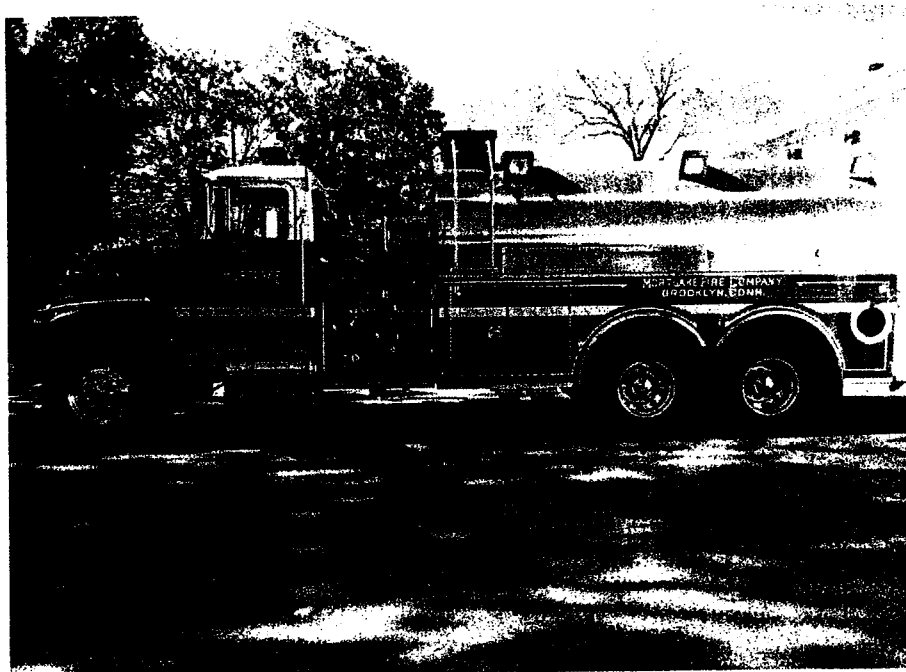
Will not be replaced until at least 2040



RESCUE 490

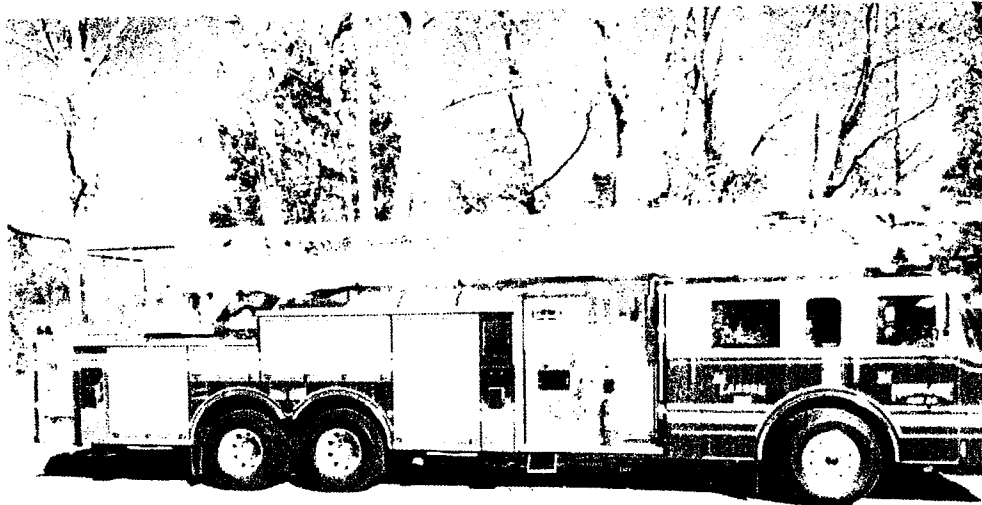
- 1986 UD body
- Heavy rescue
- To be replaced by middle of November 2014

ENGINE TANKER 290



- 2004 Mack
- 1500 Gallon per minute pump
- 3000 gallons of Water
- Carries a 3000 gallon portable drop tank
- Purchased with a Federal Grant at no cost to the Town of Brooklyn
- Carries Suction hose for drafting from a drop tank
- Can do limited attack of a fire
- Does not carry a ladder or numerous SCBA's
- Currently scheduled for replacement in 2029
- Does not carry first aid equipment
- Responds to Structure fires within the Town of Brooklyn and surrounding towns as needed.
- Responds to Car and brush fires and fire alarms.

LADDER 190



- 2001 Pierce Aerial 105 foot 6 man cab
- Scheduled to be replaced 2031
- 1500 Gallon per minute pump
- 300 gallons water tank
- 30 gallon foam tank
- Carries gas powered positive pressure fan
- Ventilation equipment (Vent saw and K-12)
- 12 KW Generator
- 700 feet of 4 inch hose
- Various ground ladders

Responds to structure fires, chimney fires within the Town of Brooklyn.

Will respond to various other types of Special Rescues and will assist in road closures during motor vehicle accidents on RT6 , 169 or 205.

SERVICE 190



- 2013 Ford F-350 Four wheel Drive pick up
- Purchased with funds from the sale of Hummer and Department Funds
- Used as a first response vehicle for Medical calls and for general department use
- Responds to various other calls as needed.
- Carries first aid equipment
- Used to haul trailers as needed.
- Carries small tools and forest fire equipment
- Can also carry a Skid pump to extinguish small fires and/or brush fires
- Replacement will be based upon needs of the Department.

ENGINE TANKER 190

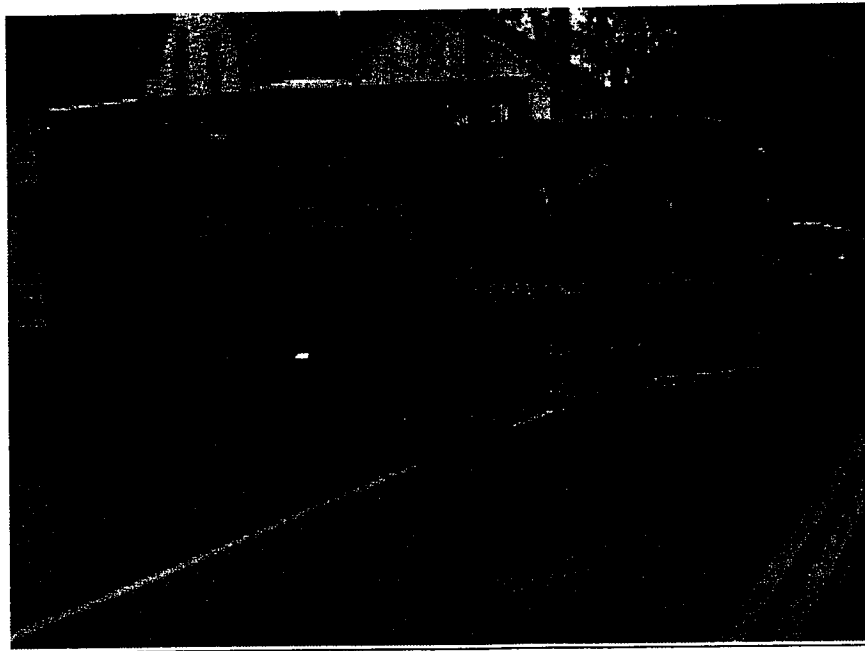


- 1995 Marion Spartan 6 man cab
- Attack pumper, first due attack piece to respond from Mortlake to any call within the Town of Brooklyn.
- 1500 Gallons per minute pump
- 1200 Gallons of water
8 Gallons of foam + 20 gallon foam
- 1000 feet of 4 inch hose
- 300 of 3 inch hose
- 7.5KW Generator
- Pre-connected monitor
- Ground ladders
- Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Ventilation tools and various hand tools.
- Positive pressure fan and exhaust fans.

Currently scheduled to replaced 2017

Responds to Structure fires, Motor Vehicle accidents, Chimney fires, Carbon Monoxide Emergencies and wires down and road closures

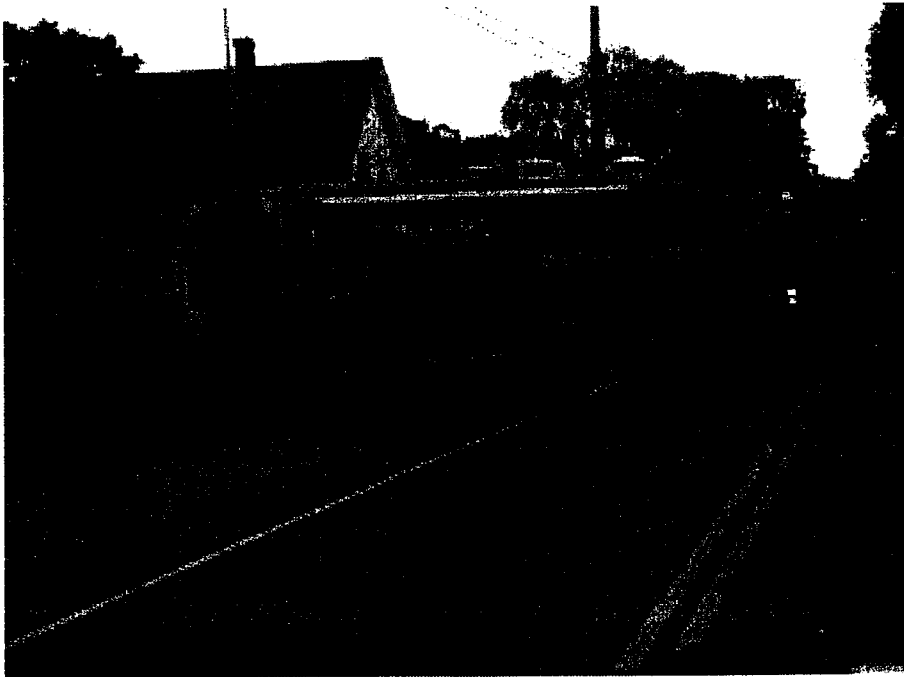
ENGINE 190



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- 1986 Mack 4 wheel drive
- Built by Darley
- 4600 Feet of 5 inch hose on a reel
- 1500 Gallon per minute pump
- 700 Gallons of water tank
- 30 feet of Suction hose connect to pump
- 5.5 KW Generator
- Responds to Structure fires within the town of Brooklyn and to surrounding towns as needed.
- Responds to brush and grass fires
- Vehicle will not be replaced when it deemed the vehicle it is no longer viable to retain.

RESCUE 390



- ~~2004 International~~ ^{Freightliner} 5 man cab walk in rescue
- Given to the Town of Brooklyn from the State of Connecticut for use to deliver Mass Decon shower trailer.
- Contains mass decon equipment and spill response pads and booms
- Hand tools and meters
- Rescue equipment.

Besides being used to haul the Shower trailer, the Vehicle is used as a back up to Rescue 490 when needed.