BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 1
Special Meeting

Commissioners present: Bruce Dutch, Tim Reynolds, Craig Mansfield

Guests Present: Brian Auld, Irene Haines

1. **Called to order** at 5:03 pm by Bruce Dutch

2. **Acceptance of Minutes**:
   a. Motion to approve minutes from the 07/12/2022 meeting by Tim Reynolds, seconded by Craig Mansfield. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Bill Approvals
   a. Bills to be paid were reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve the invoices as presented and discussed by Craig Mansfield, seconded by Tim Reynolds. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Budget Recap:
   a. Tim Reynolds provided a budget recap noting to-date spending. For 2021-22 the final budget was -$182.88. To date we have spent $33.385.34 with a remaining budget of $523,682.66. Over time is already spent at 16%. No questions or concerns noted.

5. Old Business:
   a. Tim Reynolds thanked Matt Swol for all that he has done with setting up the Engine maintenance scheduling and upkeep.
   b. Building Study – Don Angersola is still waiting for appraisal and confirming costs for project.
   c. Engine 2-15 – Two letters were prepared. Group revised BOFC letter. List to be pulled together of what items need to be purchased and cost. Once list is complete, we will send letter. Money remains in Quint budget, have operating budget and upcoming fundraisers. Radio will be covered under Radio Committee budget.

6. Visitors Participation:
   a. None.

7. Chiefs Report:
   a. See attached

8. Fire Marshal's Report:
   a. None

9. Building Report:

a. See Chiefs report

10. Equipment Report:

a. See Chief's Report

11. Correspondence:

a. None

12. New Business:

a. Question asked regarding staffing with the overtime budget already being 16% used. Bruce asked if there was a retention plan and exit interviews to understand why people leave, etc. Brian noted we have people but would be good if they could pick up more shifts. Captain Chris Leidemer is working on this to see if we can approve coverage.
b. Thanks to Captain Chis Leidemer and the team for all the hard work, daily reports, and Liam Duncan for repairing flagpole.
c. First Selectman Irene Haines provided an Ambulance update. She noted that Chief Missy Cotter and Deputy Chief Kevin Cavallo have resigned as of 9/1 as officers. They will remain as members. There is clearly a concern over how the organizational will continue to function. There is an Indeed ad hiring looking for EMT's. The BOFC is concerned with the way the organization is run on a "need to know" basis with a lack of transparency to the town and the other town Public Safety agencies as well as the long-term sustainability of the current model. Irene Haines is working to address this situation.

13. **Adjournment:**

a. Motion to adjourn at 5:44 pm made by Tim Reynolds, second by Craig Mansfield. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Craig Mansfield
Secretary
08/30/2022

EAST HADDAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS 08/09/2022

- *OVERTIME UP 16%*
- *CHRIS – ADD ON TIMECARD WHEN THEIR OVERTIME FOR WHAT CALL*

- **THANK YOU**
  - TO CAPTAIN NEIL MOSIG FOR OVERSEEING THE DEPARTMENT WHILE I WAS ON VACATION.
  - MUCH APPRECIATED

- **APPARATUS –**
  - ALL APPARATUS HAVE BEEN PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE CERTIFIED AND PUMP TESTED PER NFPA
  - GREAT JOB TO LIEUTENANT SWOL FOR COORDINATING THE EFFORT PRIOR TO STRUCTURE FIRE SEASON
  - NEED A DATE COORDINATED WITH THE CAREER STAFF FOR HOSE AND LADDER TESTING

- **MAGNAVENT –**
  - NEWTS QUOTE FOR $40,000
  - LOOKED LIKE IT WAS FOR 5 TRUCKS
  - ONLY NEEDED IT FOR ENGINE 4 AND TANKER 1

- **ENGINE 2 STATUS – UPDATE BIG TOPIC**
  - TO PUT BACK IN SERVICE – LT SWOL QUOTE OF $14,000 (CRAIG DO YOU HAVE AN EXTRA RADIO?)
  - LEFT OVER MONEY FROM QUINT – LT KOLASINSKI'S LAST CHECK WAS $60,000
  - STRUCTURE FIRE LINE UP – ATTACK ENGINE, LADDER, TANKERS, ENGINE AT DROP TANK TO FEED ATTACK ENGINE & LADDER, AND THIRD ENGINE TO THE FILL SITE
  - ALSO USED AS A BACK UP ENGINE
  - THIS ENGINE WOULD BE PLACED AT CO # 3
  - BRUSH FIRE ON EAST SHORE IN LAKE HAYWARD – SMALL PUMPER OF 250 GALLONS DIDN'T CUT IT – HAD TO WAIT FOR ENGINE 1 AND TANKER 1 FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN.
  - ISO DOESN'T EVEN RATE COMPANY # 3 – PARTLY BECAUSE THERE IS NO CLASS A PUMPER IN THE BUILDING
  - EAST HADDAM HAS ALWAYS HAD 3 – 4 ENGINES AT ANYONE TIME

- **GOODSPEED AIRPORT – AUGUST 27TH**
    - SAME PLAN AS LAST YEAR
    - CAREER STAFF HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ASSIST FOR CALLS IN TOWN
    - 20 PLUS FOOD TRUCKS / 15 – 20 ADDITIONAL VENDORS
    - CHINOOK BLACK HAWK CHOPPERS / COAST GUARD CHOPPERS DEMONSTRATION IN RIVER
    - 5 SKYDIVERS EVER HOUR AND ½
    - 2 HOT AIR BALLOON

- **WET DOWN – AKA CHRISTENING OF THE NEW LADDER**
    - SEPT 10TH – 11A – 4PM CO # 2
    - INVITES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT
    - THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN FOR PERMITTING BEER AND WINE FOR THE EVENT
    - SPOKE WITH VALLEY SHORE COMMUNICATIONS
    - LYME FIRE WILL BE DISPATCHED AUTOMATIC MUTUAL AID ALONG WITH OUR OTHER MUTUAL AID PARTNERS CONTINGENT ON BOARDER OF RESPONSE AREA
    - TWO CAREER STAFF HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO STANDBY

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    - **DOOR ACCESS** - UPDATE
    - **CO # 3 DOORS -** UPDATE

BUILDING / EQUIPMENT UPDATE – APPRAISED – FIRST THING TO DO IS SHORE UP THE BUILDING –

CO # 2 PROJECT UPDATE

- **UPDATE FROM NEWT –** APPRAISED VALUE

- PROPOSAL FROM BRIAN HUMES
- CURRENT SQUARE FOOT 8,400
- PROPOSED SQUARE FOOT 18,610
- IDEAS – 2 BUILDINGS – 3-4 DRIVE THRU BAYS AT CO # 2 / 2 DRIVE THRU BAYS ON TOP OF MT PARNASSUS
- TO FIX CO # 2 – 3 ½ MILLION JUST TO FIX STRUCTURE I.E. FRAME, LEAKS, DOORS – DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERIOR UPDATES INCLUDING CONCRETE SLAB WHICH WOULD MOST LIKELY BE ANOTHER 8 – 10 MILLION
- $10 MILLION FOR NEW BUILDING TO REPLACE CO # 2
- $3 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION & SITE WORK, FEES, PROJECT OVERSIGHT, CONSTRUCTION TESTING, BINDING COSTS, INTERIOR FURNITURE, TELEPHONE AND DATE SYSTEM.
    - NEXT STEP IS SITE ASSESSMENT AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN.