



FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



- Minutes-

Fire Chiefs

Keith Brown
Anthony Fuller
Jeffery Lewis

Monday, August 21, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Committee Chairman

Misty Fuller

Emergency Management

Thomas Vicchiariello

Committee Members

Maria Mann
Stanley Siegel
Timothy Simmons

Call to Order 6:31pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: K. Brown, M. Fuller, M. Mann, S. Siegel, T. Simmons, M. Newhauser, D. Rivera

Public Comment: (5-minute limit per person). None

Approval of the Minutes: July 2023, Approved; Motion T. Simmons Second M. Mann

Fire Chief's Report:

Old Business:

- Engine 5 Update – It has never shipped, and Yellow Freight's bankruptcy has halted shipping. At this time, we are unsure if the motor was shipped and is "stuck" in transit because of these issues. We are attempting to track and pinpoint its location.
- Subcommittees
 - o Get Better Workgroup
 - No update available – we are at 25 months. Chief has shared additional funding options with the City Clerk, but she has yet to share her plan. New apparatus is taking in excess of 36 months after approval for the build. Our aging fleet is going to begin negatively affecting our ISO ratings.
 - o Central Fire Station Workgroup
 - Next step is a need vs. wants study. This would also include a study of existing facilities and the potential to re-purpose/sell those buildings. Chief is working with Valerie Magensky on potential grant funds "Resiliency" that may be available to help with the start of this project.
- Apparatus Maintenance Contract Update – Contract has been executed after a 10-month process. Chief and T. Vicchiariello will be working together to decide which problems we should send to them first.
- No news on the AFG grant, they have begun releasing grants.
- Surplus funds for the old Rescue 3 and the boat? We have reached out to corporation council to see if funds generated from the sale of this equipment can be earmarked for the fire department in some way for the purchase of future vehicles. M. Fuller is working with corporation council on this process.
- The emergency service club will be resuming at the high school in September.

New Business:

- Engine 6 is having plumbing issues, DPW is waiting for the water to drain so they can run a camera down the line.
- Can surplus equipment funds be allocated back to the fire department for the purchase of future equipment? Council will discuss at the Finance Committee.
- How do we list the surplus equipment? Does it have to be listed only on the government site or can it be listed elsewhere?

- July 2023 call volume was 90 total calls. Many (34) of these were pump outs caused by excess rain. We had 14 standbys to neighboring departments.

Emergency Management Report:

Old Business:

- Farnum Phones are still not functioning appropriately. This is an ongoing issue since October. These are copper lines, Stan suggested that we email michele.wexler@ftr.com it will be logged, and the FCC will be aware. Maybe we can get on the list for fiber.
- Aqueduct project has been put on hold (halfway through the draw down). Project has been postponed until next year. Draw down will be suspended at this time. There will be a flow management meeting September 1st.
- Curb cut at Waters Edge has been sidelined again. Council was not aware. This will be added to the Finance Agenda and see if it can be put back out for bid. Stan will discuss with Steve.
- Replacement sirens are currently on backorder.

New Business:

- Raft engine may beyond repair and may need to be replaced for almost \$7k.

Vehicle Maintenance:

- DEF lines at Truck 7 are still an issue.

Fire Inspector Report:

- Catching up on Inspections.
- Paramount at 12 Orchard now has a knoxbox.
- 911 boxes are all being tested and DPW will be moving them back to the old phone lines.
- Machackemach Village is working on getting a backup generator and backup lighting and accommodations for the elderly, during power outages.

Public Comment: (5-minute limit per person)

Adjournment: **7:07pm**

*Next F&EM Meeting **Monday, September 18th, 2023**, at **6:30pm**, in the Council Chambers*