



FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



- Minutes -

Fire Chiefs

Keith Brown
Anthony Fuller
Jeffery Lewis

Tuesday, January 16, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Committee Chairman

Misty Fuller

Emergency Management

Thomas Vicchiariello

Committee Members

Maria Mann
Stanley Siegel
Timothy Simmons

Call to Order: **6:00pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Chief Brown, Chief Fuller, Chief Lewis, Tom Vicchiariello, Elizabeth Miller, Maria Mann, Mike Decker, Tim Simmons, Melissa Newhauser, Misty Fuller

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

Approval of the Minutes: None

Fire Chief's Report:

Old Business:

- Rescue Support Vehicle
 - o Final inspection will take place, tomorrow January 17th.
 - o Delivery will take place after it has been insured by the city and payment is received by the manufacturer.
- Engine 1 replacement
 - o Vehicle is almost ready
 - o Punch list work is underway
 - o It will be delivered to Montgomery for engine service and equipment mounting.
 - o We are on track for a Q1 2023 delivery.'
 - o After delivery it will be no longer considered an Engine but rather a Squad, due to the placement of the extrication equipment being on it.
- Subcommittees
 - o Get Better Workgroup – The replacement plan for new apparatus needs to be addressed. Especially given the fact that new trucks are taking 24-36 months for delivery.
 - o Central Fire Station Workgroup – update / next steps – Initial meetings have taken place between the city and school district to discuss a potential land swap.

New Business:

- Year End Review for 2022. The department responded to a total of 404 calls. Which is a 4% increase over 2021. Mutual Aid calls were 28% of the call volume with 113 of the total calls being to neighboring districts.
- The department is 100% compliant with Bail Out Training.

- Several department members were trained in the side scan sonar technology, training was completed in conjunction with Matamoras Fire and the National Park Service and was taught by Dive Rescue International.
- The department is well under way to becoming NY PESH compliant for the dive team.
- PJFD physicals will be conducted in January by our new O'Connor Urgent Care.
- Engine 6's door was in production and will hopefully be delivered next week. Once the door is delivered, installation will be scheduled.
- Repair Expenses for 2022 totaled \$53,559.51 (not including oil changes, NYS Inspections and annual pump maintenance).
 - o Engine 5 totaled \$24,954.63 and Truck 7 totaled \$19,872.01
- The department continues to work with Valerie to apply for grants.
- Surplus Equipment for 2023 will be the old Rescue 3 truck, the old boat and all the hydraulic extrication equipment. The department would like to request that any funds from the sale of this equipment be utilized for replacement of one of the chief's vehicles.
- The department would like the council to consider leaving the fire inspector position as a full-time position. (See attached letter from Past Chief Cicalese).
- Engine 5 update – Engine was in an accident on Friday, January 13th while responding to a mutual aid call in Greenville. Currently the extent of damage is unknown. It was towed to Hockenberry's garage. We are currently awaiting word from our insurance company on how to proceed. Greenville FD shares the same insurance company as the city.
- Heating issue in the building. After the polar plunge, Engine 5 was occupied for at least 8 hours and the temperature never exceeded 63 degrees. If this happens again Assistant DPW director Addy should be notified so that he can contact Seaman's and have the issue addressed.

Emergency Management/ Vehicle Maintenance Report:

Old Business:

- Replacement emergency sirens have been ordered and will hopefully arrive within 6-8 weeks.

New Business:

- Truck 7 load manager issues continue. One major problem is the company that historically worked on it has went out of business and finding a new company to work on KME trucks is extremely difficult.
- Engine 4's primer and kussmaul system are not functioning.
- Engine 2 is having a generator issue.
- PA DOT planning to do bridge deck replacement, changing the grate out and replacing with a concrete decking. Planning is in process but will affect traffic flow in that area during construction. Traffic light in that area should be replaced prior to construction.
- All city phones at the Farnum house are not working.
- Keep in mind that the Fire Inspector checks the 911 boxes. These are all inspected quarterly, and this work will need to continue while we are in transition. Tom will follow up with Dave.
- Reservoirs are in a good place for water level at this time of year even with the limited snowfall.

Follow up: Set Vehicle Replacement Meeting prior to next FEM.

Public Comment: (5-minute limit per person)

Adjournment: 6:43pm

Next F&EM Meeting **Tuesday, February 21st, 2022**, at 6:00pm, in the Council Chambers