



FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Meeting Minutes -



Fire Chiefs

Keith Brown
Anthony Fuller
Jeffery Lewis

Tuesday, **February 22, 2022 @ 6PM**

Committee Chairman

Misty Fuller

Emergency Management

Thomas Vicchiariello

Committee Members

Maria Mann
Stanley Siegel
Timothy Simmons

Current Covid 19 restrictions will be in place

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Chief Brown, Chief Fuller, Chief Lewis, Tom Vicchiariello, Misty Fuller, Mike Decker, Melissa Newhouser, Tim Simmons, Maria Mann and Denis Livingston

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

Approval of the Minutes: January 25, 2022 (Transcribed) – Approved Motion by Mr. Simmons, Second by Mr. Decker.

Fire Chief's Report:

Old Business:

- There is a need to Lock the Gate @ Fire Training Center, to prevent dumping.
- Central Fire Station Workgroup is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 8th at 5:30pm, at the Fire Museum. A meeting invite will be sent to those who expressed interest at last months meeting. (Mayor Decker, Liz Miller, Misty Fuller, Denis Livingston, Regis Foster, Valerie Maginsky, Fire Chiefs and Department members as appointed by the chief.)

New Business:

- January Call Review
 - o January 2021 had 34 calls
 - o January 2022 had 39 calls
 - 3 working structure fires all within the 4th ward

There is an upward trend in calls to vacant properties and properties where the landlord is non-responsive. This needs to be addressed to bring properties compliant. FD works hand in hand with the building dept to address issues.

- Multi-family and commercial properties need to have a representative that can respond within a reasonable time frame. We will address this at the code meeting, working with Tim and the Fire Inspector.
- Past Chief Mike Cicalese, father of past chief Dominick Cicalese, has past away his funeral is scheduled for February 23rd.

- Out of Service (OOS) Days for apparatus:
 - o Engine 2 – 3 Days
 - o Engine 5 – 9 Days
 - o Truck 7 – 27 Days

Emergency Management Report:

Old Business:

- Farnum Update – New boiler system is installed and DPW is working to hook up the radiators.

New Business:

- Orange County Climate Control Seminar – This was a seminar in regards to climate change specifically here in Orange County. Currently the county has a survey regarding climate resilience available on their website and they are encouraging people to complete it. This will assist in planning to help mitigate flooding and other damage cause by natural disasters.

Vehicle Maintenance:

Apparatus Updates:

- Ladder Truck Repairs – A number of issues have been corrected except one, in which the part is on a 90 day delivery. The Truck is back in service until the part arrives.
- Engine 5 Repairs – There were quite a few air leaks most have been repaired. One remaining valve is on order with an expected 4 week delivery. It is now back in service until parts arrive.
- Engine 2 Repairs are complete and it is back at 100%
- Yearly maintenance has begun by DPW, which is a huge cost savings over putting this out to bid.

Emergency Management:

- The ice pack has moved out, the rivers and reservoirs are all at a good level for the upcoming spring thaw and rains.
- Flo-Jean demolition caused damage to the river dike. Aprox. 2 blocks high by 150-200'. The building department is aware of the issue, but we should consider re-addressing the issue. River levels anywhere above 18' could cause a compromise in the dike with flooding issues in the acre.

Public Comment: (*5 minute limit per person*): None

Adjournment: 6:29pm Motion by Misty Fuller Second by Tim Simmons

Next F&EM Meeting **March 21, 2022** at **6:30pm**, in the Council Chambers