



FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



- Minutes -

Fire Chiefs

Keith Brown
Anthony Fuller
Jeffery Lewis

Monday, April 17, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Committee Chairman

Misty Fuller

Emergency Management

Thomas Vicchiariello

Committee Members

Maria Mann
Stanley Siegel
Timothy Simmons

Call to Order: **6:30pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Chief Brown, Chief Fuller, Chief Lewis, Tome Vicchiariello, Maria Mann, Mike Decker, Tim Simmons, Elizabeth Miller, Stan Siegel, Regis Foster, Melissa Newhauser, Dave Rivera

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

Approval of the Minutes: March 2023 approved

Fire Chief's Report:

Old Business:

- Engine 5 heating repairs – the circulator pump was replaced (lasted 3 days) and broke again. Wayne is following up on the repairs.
- Fire Training Center Gate is becoming an issue again. 5 organizations currently use the facility. Illegal dumping has not resumed but we will need to keep a close eye on it. The school district is removing trees in the area.
 - o Can a camera be placed to monitor the area?
- Rescue Support Vehicle
 - o F-550, Tech Rescue Support Vehicle – License plate has not been acquired by the Clerk.
 - o It will need to go back to have brackets made for mounting of equipment, once the license is received.
 - o Temp-License plate has expired – holding the truck out of service. This is a continuing issue as the raft and boat have never received plates either. E-1 plate will need to be transferred and the Rescue 3 plates will need to be cancelled and taken out of service.
- Engine 1 replacement

- Is still in Montgomery for mounting of equipment and service of the engine due to it being driven in from South Dakota.
- Estimated in service date is any day.
- 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. It will be placed at the Engine 5 station until training is completed and it can be moved to the Orange Street Station.
- Engine 5 Update
 - Repairs are still under way. It was moved from Valtech to Orange County Truck in Montgomery for motor work. PO submitted to the clerk's office for \$40,259.10. Which is 100% covered by insurance. Replacing the motor is an extensive process.
- AFG Grant for SCBAs has been submitted. Still awaiting word.
- Will is working on the agreement with Warwick garage. No additional information at this time.
- Will also has the information on the billing for service. With the NY State Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan and the Orange County Mutual Aid Plans in place, it is the advice of corporation council to not pursue this further to avoid unintentional consequences.
- **Subcommittees**
 - **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.
 - The aging fleet is going to begin directly affecting our ISO ratings.
 - The clerk is developing a “plan”
 - **Central Fire Station Workgroup** – update / next steps – Things are underway with corporation council and the school district attorney to negotiate the terms for the land swap. The school district is planning to add this item to the referendum on May 16th.
 - May 22-25th the Chiefs will be attending the Fire Station Design Seminar, in St Louis. Which focuses on design and funding opportunities.

New Business:

- March 2023, we had a total of 28 calls, 5 were mutual aid to neighboring departments.
- The Girl Scouts visited the Fire Museum and Engine 1 & Truck 7 Stations for public safety education.
- Hose, Ladder and pump testing took place April 1st, and went well. The department lost several links of hose that failed testing.
- April 16th the sidewalk wash down took place. This included Front, Pike and Sussex Streets. Orange Square Park and City Hall sidewalks as well as the underpass to the bridge. A total of 93 man hours were donated. This included assistance from neighboring departments of Huguenot, Sparrowbush, Montague and Westfall. We utilized our 4 pumpers and the UTV for this detail.

- Spinner Tech is scheduled to install the new computer, once completed, FITT testing for the cancer bill will resume.
- Bail out training for the year is 40% complete.
- River calls have already begun. The new owners of Kittatinny have donated 100 wet suits to local departments and will be holding a BBQ to support the local volunteers.
- There has been an uptick in calls due to the new cannabis laws.

Emergency Management/ Vehicle Maintenance Report:

Old Business:

- Truck 7 DEF system and load manager are still experiencing issues.
- Engine 4 was out of service for a few days while the charging system was replaced.
- Still no phones at the Farnum House – this has been ongoing for months and the clerk states she is working on it. A few lines have dial tones but cannot make calls. DPW mechanics also do not have a working phone.

New Business:

- Tom attended the O&R Conference. They anticipate that by 2045 NY will no longer have winter.
- Rio Dam Drill has been cancelled until the Fall.
- Planning Board Attorney Fees (\$300 per meeting) need to be addressed especially given the increase for the Zoning Board Attorney (\$200 per hour).
 - o Planning Board and Emergency Management were not included in the budget hearings. Ensure that they are invited going forward.

Fire Inspector Report:

- Work is under way to obtain contact numbers and local agents for new businesses. They will be updated twice a year. Hopefully these can be stored within Tyler Tech for ease of access.
- 34 Hudson Street, hazardous conditions with potential hoarding and is a potential fire hazard. Building is on vacant list and owner is paying fines. Owner has denied all city representatives access to the structure.

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

Other: PJYFL to submit email to the department secretary requesting attendance at the Annual Fireman's Parade

Adjournment: 7:29 pm

Next F&EM Meeting Monday, May 15th, 2022, at 6:30pm, in the Council Chambers