

Regular Meeting of the
Board of TFD Fire Commissioners

DRAFT -- Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2017
Thompsonville Fire Station, 35 N. Main Street, Enfield, CT

1. Call to Order: by Comm. Crowley at 7:08 pm.

2. Roll Call: present was Chairperson Comm. Reidy, Comm. Brouillette, Comm. Crowley, and Comm. Gaskell. Comm. Perry was absent. Also present were Acting Chief Provencher and Atty. Joseph McQuade.

3. Anticipated Executive Session: Pending Claims: Discussion with counsel regarding litigation strategy: Bouthiette v. Thompsonville Fire District #2 and Brocuglio v. Thompsonville Fire District #2:

MOTION to enter into Executive Session made by Comm. Reidy, seconded by Comm. Crowley. Discussion: none. Roll Call- Motion passed 4-0. All Commissioners present, Acting Chief Provencher, and Atty. McQuade entered into Executive Session at 7:09 pm.

Returned from Executive Session at 8:05 pm. No action taken.

Comm. Crowley and Atty. McQuade left at 8:07 pm

4. Fire Marshal's Report:

Comm. Reidy said the December 2016 Fire Marshal's report is available online.

5. Chief's Report:

Acting Chief Provencher said after speaking with the Town Manager, the Town is willing to purchase the two Main Street properties for half of the assessed value. The proposal will be discussed at the Town Council meeting on February 6.

Acting Chief Provencher said he and Dept. Secretary Wawer have been working on the FY 17-18 budget. We are waiting for some insurance figures. Comm. Brouillette asked about comparing that budget to the previous year's budget. Acting Chief Provencher suggested scheduling a few budget meetings soon. Comm. Reidy said the budget needs to be completed by March 29 which is the date of the budget presentation to the public.

6. Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Comm. Brouillette read the current balances of all the bank accounts.

7. Public Communications:

Steve Cogtella, 2 S. River St., asked about consolidating the district's bank accounts.

8. Commissioners' Communications:

Comm. Reidy said one of our firefighters is enlisting in the military.

Comm. Reidy said according to the Charter meeting agendas do not have to be posted at Town Hall. Should we continue to post them there? Comm. Gaskell said I don't think we need to. Comm. Reidy said I think posting agendas at the station and on the website is appropriate.

MOTION to no longer post agendas at Town Hall made by Comm. Reidy, seconded by Comm. Gaskell. Discussion: none. Roll Call- Motion passed 3-0.

Comm. Reidy asked for a copy of the department's current roster.

Comm. Reidy suggested holding some public relations and fundraising events. Acting Chief Provencher suggested holding an open house in October during fire prevention week.

Comm. Reidy asked about using Narcan.

Comm. Reidy said contract negotiations with the union will begin soon.

Comm. Reidy said the Charter Revision Commission is holding a public hearing at the station on January 19 at 6:30 to hear input from taxpayers regarding changes to the Charter. Comm. Reidy thanked the members of the Charter Revision Commission for their participation.

9. Old Business:

Comm. Reidy suggested waiting until all five Commissioners are present to discuss a code of ethics.

10. New Business:

Comm. Gaskell asked about the process for closing some of the bank accounts. Acting Chief Provencher said he will contact our auditor for recommendations.

11. Public Communications:

Erline Provencher, 94 S. River St., said there is a lot of construction going on at Asnuntuck Community College. Does the Town receive any money from the State for taxes? Will the District receive any of that money for fire protection?

12. Commissioners' Communications:

Comm. Reidy said it is up to the Town to decide what to do with the money from the State.

13. Approval of Minutes from December 16 special meeting, December 21 regular meeting, and January 5 special meeting:

MOTION to table December 16 special meeting minutes and approve December 21 regular meeting, and January 5 special meeting minutes made by Comm. Gaskell, seconded by Comm. Reidy. Discussion: Comm. Gaskell said the December 16 meeting minutes is missing who seconded a motion. We need to review Comm. Crowley's notes. Comm. Reidy said the Charter Revision Commission resolution needs to be attached to the minutes. Roll Call- Motion passed 3-0.

14. Discussion and Approval of Invoices/Bills:

Commissioners reviewed, discussed and approved checks for invoices/bills.

15. Anticipated Executive Session: a) Personnel Issues, b) Pending Claims and Litigation CGS 7433c Heart and Hypertension Claims, c) Discussion of Pending Claims and Litigation:

The Commission did not enter into Executive Session.

16. Possible Action regarding Executive Session:

The Commission did not enter into Executive Session.

17. Adjourn:

MOTION to adjourn made by Comm. Gaskell, seconded by Comm. Reidy. All in favor by ayes at 8:50 pm.

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