

Annual Meeting of the
Board of TFD Fire Commissioners
DRAFT -- Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2020
Thompsonville Fire Station, 35 N. Main Street, Enfield, CT

1. Call to Order: by Comm. DuFour at 7:00 pm.

2. Roll Call: present were Comm. DuFour, Comm. Perry, Comm. Pliszka, Comm. Bouthiette, and Comm. Dodd (via conference call). Also present were Chief Deskis and Department Secretary Steneri (via conference call).

3. Presentation of the Annual Report:

Comm. Dodd said our auditors presented the annual report via email on April 27th. The audit will be available on the district's website by May 7th. The highlights can be found on page 3 of the report. The District's net position decreased by \$22,146. As of June 30, 2019, the District governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,651,402 which is a decrease of \$868,899. The District's long-term liabilities decreased by \$1,058,880.

4. Discussion of 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget:

Comm. DuFour said there is not a lot to discuss about the budget. The Board ironed out some items yesterday that turned out to be minor.

MOTION to accept the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget made by Comm. DuFour, seconded by Comm. Bouthiette. Discussion: Comm. Dodd asked does she need to present the budget. Comm. DuFour said that was done already. Comm. Dodd asked if the Board had any questions. Roll Call- Motion passed 5-0.

5. Commission to set the Mill Rate for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget:

Comm. Dodd said the mill rate is set at 6.46 which is a 0.33 decrease from last year's budget. The motor vehicle mill rate will stay the same at 5.

MOTION to accept the mill rate for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget made by Comm. DuFour, seconded by Comm. Perry. Discussion: none. Roll Call- Motion passed 5-0.

6. Election and Appointment of the following Officers for the Board of Fire Commissioners: Chairman, Vice Chairman, District Clerk, Treasurer, and Tax Collector:

Comm. DuFour said the Board needs to discuss what to do about the election of Commissioners. The Board set a date in June. Do we want to stick with that date? It is up to the Governor to decide when things open back up. Comm. Perry said right now it is a floating date. We picked a date to be fair. Candidates are supposed to have 30 days. We do not actually have a date for when we are supposed to hold the meeting. Comm. Dodd said Comm. Pliszka suggested we have the election once public buildings are open. Once the buildings are open, Board can meet and set the 30 day notice. Nothing should happen until the buildings are open. Comm. DuFour said what if we open up the applications now. Comm. Dodd said we do not know when we can have the vote. Comm. DuFour said if we go more than 30 days then so be it. We are not going less than 30 days. Comm. Perry said the forms would have to be available for people who could not download it off the internet. Dept. Secy. Steneri said the form will be the same and I can just remove the due date. We can still accept applications. Comm. Dodd said I am fine with that. If we open it up, do we have to have a vote in 30 days? Comm. Perry said it is just a minimum of 30 days. Comm. DuFour said this is all unprecedented. We are in the middle of a pandemic right now. We are holding our annual meeting by conference call. I think we are doing a good job. We will open it up and put a notice on the website saying we are accepting applications. We cannot set an election date until things open back up. We will start counting the days from when the application is posted. Comm. Dodd said can we appoint people since some of the Board members are leaving. Comm. DuFour said the Board could appoint if Comm. Bouthiette and I both resigned. The term would only go until the election.

MOTION to keep the appointment of officers the same until the Fire Commissioner election made by Comm. DuFour, seconded by Comm. Perry. Discussion: none. Roll Call- Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION to name the Town of Enfield as Tax Collector made by Comm. DuFour, seconded by Comm. Dodd. Discussion: none. Roll Call- Motion passed 5-0.

7. Adjourn:

MOTION to adjourn made by Comm. DuFour, seconded by Comm. Dodd. All in favor by ayes at 7:16 pm.