



FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



- MINUTES -

Common Council Chambers

Monday, **August 20, 2018** - 7:00pm

Fire Chiefs

Dominic Cicalese
Thomas Snyder
Anthony Fuller

Committee Chairman

Stanley Siegel

Committee Members

George Belcher
Regis Foster
Maria Mann

Emergency Management

Thomas Vicchiarriello

Called to Order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: D. Cicalese, A. Fuller, T. Vicchiarriello, S. Siegel, G. Belcher, R. Foster

Public Comment: *(5 minute limit per person)*

- Mrs. Carol Decker. She requested weeds at West Beach to be burned off. The feasibility will be looked into.

Fire Chief's Report:

Old Business:

- **Rescue 3 status:** R&J will prepare an estimate of lettering removal from apparatus. A decision will have to be made soon, as what to do with remaining members that have not chosen to join another company by the extended deadline.
- **Annual Physical status:** BSMC cannot perform them any longer. The PJFD wants to contract with Partners in Safety for \$12,000, for physicals minus blood work and Flu shots which can be done locally at little or no cost. They will do out annual Fit Testing and Initial Firefighter physical at addition cost. They also can do CDL physicals for individuals that need it, for \$25.00.

New Business:

- **Active Shooter Drill:** Went off as scheduled. An interdepartmental drill and training will be given by Jamie Rohner, a certified trainer, for FF involvement and techniques, in the future.
- **Neversink River rescue:** Thanks to all for their involvement and time for 2 days. Job well done.
- **High Efficiency washer** should be delivered by end of August.
- **West Main Street fire:** Insurance company approved coverage for all the damaged equipment.

Emergency Management Report:

Old Business:

- **Hospital Drill:** Went well, noted several things that need improvement. WMC had a real event a week later, so this was good preparation.
- **Flood Level updating:** Almost complete. Will be much more accurate when done.
- **Tree Trimming request:** Trees on W. main Street, near PJ Bowl, are too low and hit the firetrucks when they are passing by. Another request for trimming will be made by S. Siegel to J. Farr.
- **Curb Cut request:** The fire exit at Waters Edge is open and in use. There is concern about our apparatus coming out over the curb after a call. Another request for a curb cut will be made by S. Siegel to J. Farr.

New Business:

- **Train Wreck:** The fuel spill by the train wreck upriver was dissipated quickly by a river rise of 5 feet in 6 hours.
- **The Upper Delaware** has a new Rivermaster.
- **Neversink River bridge:** There will be another meeting in September for Emergency Services. Planned start is in the Spring of 2019.
- **I-84 Exit Closings:** The city is not getting notified when the state closes the exit for various reasons. That causes some traffic concerns.

Vehicle Maintenance:

- **Apparatus Updates:**

⇒ **Hooks:** The diagnostic meter is broken, so we cant read the vehicle codes at this time.

⇒ **Engine 4:** Needs new batteries and will be installed soon.

⇒ **Engine 5:** Back in service, do not know the actual cause of concern.

Emergency Management:

- None.

Other:

- NY State Firefighter/EMS tax credit: I have inquired to Sen. Bonacic again, about the bill to go raise the FF Stipend from \$200.00 to \$1,200.00, as he is a co-sponsor. I will continue to inquire.

Public Comment: *About topics covered in tonight's meeting. (3 minute limit per person)*

- None

Adjournment: **7:31**

*Next F&EM Meeting **September 17, 2018 @ 7:00pm** in the Council Chambers*