



FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



- MINUTES -

Common Council Chambers

Wednesday, **January 23, 2019** - 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 Vicchiariello

Called to Order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Dominic Cicalese, Thomas Vicchiariello, Regis Foster, Maria Mann, Stanley Siegel

Public Comment: (5 minute limit per person)

- None

Fire Chief's Report:

Old Business:

- PJFD Banquet is this Saturday, 1/26/19 at the Trackside. There will be local area FD's on standby from 5pm until 7am.
- The department is still having manpower staffing problems, during daytime hours. Therefore, the Duty Pumper schedule will continue.

New Business:

- ⇒ Chief discussed his End of Year Report as well as:
 - Duty Chief and Duty Pumper Schedules
 - Repair expenses for 2018
 - Incidents, per zone, for 2018
 - Membership Census
 - with a discussion about each.
- Chief will attend next Finance meeting to discuss Annual Physicals and the funding.
- Two fire apparatus have reached the end of their normal useful life cycle and will need to be replaced. The requested schedule is that Engine 1 should be bid out in 2019 and Engine 4, which was purchased at the same time, be replaced next. The Chief has prepared a replacement plan for the entire vehicle fleet.
- With the closing of the Rescue Company, it was decided that rescue equipment would go on Engine 1.
- A water leak was discovered in the Hammond Street fire station and the DPW was advised.
- The Chief gave several reasons why it is essential that a Full Time Fire Inspector be hired on the schedule (April 1, 2019) that was suggested at the Budget sessions. There was discussion and it appeared that the committee agreed that the Fire Inspector position was necessary, sooner than later.
- The Chief explained the concept of Bail Out Bags. There was a discussion about the use, reasons for the law and why they are being acquired, for our 51 interior firefighters, at a cost of \$400.00 each.
- The PJVAC donated AED's to the fire department. All apparatus will be equipped with one.
- The department will continue the Confined Space Rescue grant. It should be sent in soon.

- Four firefighters will be sent to the NYS Fire Academy, again this year, for Swift Water Rescue training.
- A Door Training Simulator will be purchased, with budgeted funds.

Emergency Management Report:

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Rivers are flowing good, with no bottom ice.
- Reservoirs are at 95% - 100% levels, which is good for us
- The O&R temporary substation installation is continuing. The construction of a new substation on W. Main and Clark Street should start in 6 months.

Apparatus Updates:

- Engine 4 will be going for boom repair shortly. It will be out of service for a couple weeks.
- Inspections on all apparatus will start soon.

Emergency Management:

- Storm preparations were in place although we didn't get the conditions that were predicted.
- On Friday, the new transformer will be trucked to the location near the turntable.

Other:

None

Public Comment: About topics covered in tonight's meeting. (**5 minute limit per person**)

None

Adjournment: 7:47pm

*Next F&EM Meeting **February 18, 2019** in the Council Chambers*