

BROOKLYN FIRE & EMS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 10/16/19

Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by President Mark O'Brien. Members present were Kim Gruebling, John Marx, and Jim Lunde. Also present were Mason Barber, Dan Dean, and Sarah Andrisevic.

Motion: Gruebling/Lunde to approve minutes of 6/17/2019 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Motion: Gruebling/Lunde to approve minutes of 8/21/2019 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Mark O'Brien reported that if the District were to have a full-time position, Mason Barber would be interested. The merger is a big deciding factor if this were to move forward.

Motion: Marx/Gruebling to approve 12 year hydrostatic test proposal from Johnson Controls for \$766.50. Motion carried.

No action on fire panel proposal from Johnson Controls.

Motion: Marx/Lunde to leave money set aside for SCBA equipment in Fire's checking account, and not put into another CD. Motion carried.

Chief Barber reported the department had 13 incidents during September. At the end of September, the department has had a total of 133 calls, compared to 102 during 2018. As of the date of the meeting, the department was at 137 calls. They still continue to have a lot of mutual aid requests. Chief Barber presented the final purchase price of the new fire truck of \$659,392, if purchased before the end of January 2020. The District Secretary will email the clerks, the amount owed by each municipality. Chief Barber is still unsure when exactly payment will be due.

Motion: Marx/Lunde to approve payment of firefighter 2019 salaries in December 2019 instead of January 2020. Motion carried.

Motion: Gruebling/Lunde to approve the Fire department to auction expired and excess equipment, as done in previous years. Motion carried.

EMS Director Dean reported the department had 21 calls during September, 8 mutual aid calls. At the end of September, the department has had a total of 160 calls, compared to 168 during 2018. The ambulance was out of service 68 hours during September, mostly due to lack of daytime staff. EMS Director Dean reported their SUV is 25 years old, and he would like to purchase a new one using unallocated EMS Funds. The board agreed the purchase of a new vehicle will have to wait until the following year's budget discussions. The board also wants to set money aside in a CD for capital expenditures, item to be discussed at the next meeting. EMS Director Dean also reported the building was struck by lightning, causing some damage to the outside lights, close to \$6,000 in damages. A claim has been filed with the insurance company, the process is ongoing. There is a \$1,000 deductible, but hopefully the remainder will be covered. A new cradle point and CAD system was installed in the ambulance, helps with WIFI and GPS connections.

No action on supervisor position for part-time employees.

Motion: Lunde/Gruebling to approve Joanne VanNorman's Assistant District Secretary Treasurer hours of 77.25 for 2019 at \$20 per hour. Payment will be made in December. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be November 20th.

Motion: Lunde/Gruebling/Springer to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Motion carried.