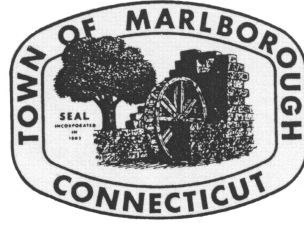


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Fire Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday June 20, 2023

Time: 18:00

Location: Fire Station #2, 200 West Rd Marlborough CT.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kevin Gentile called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Present were Patrick Pabouet, Kevin Gentile and David LeBlanc.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kevin Gentile motioned to table the approval of minutes. David LeBlanc seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. FIRE CHIEF REPORT – Kevin Asklar FC

- Rescue – Will not be ready by the end of June. Predicted mid-July for final inspection.
- Spec for engine replacement – review planned for following week for a pre-con with the builder.
- Training – Driver training completed. Anyone driving is signed off on and training records are up to date.
- Forceful entry door picked up and on base. Drill to take place.
- Pumping – Annual inspection of all dry hydrants in town to be conducted, as well as hydrants in the Blackledge estates area. Scheduled for Thursday June 22, 2023 – hose testing.
- Department head of bylaw change – social members no longer have to pay a due to be a social member. Eliminated \$5.00 fee.
- Volunteer firefighter grant from DEEP to be reviewed for what equipment will be submitted for purchase.

- Station 1: Greenwald industries to work on roof. Bill is approximately \$5,600. Bill to be submitted to state grant for reimbursement to station.

- Station 2: Progress after tour last month. Scheduled tile refurbishment, acid wash, and carpet wash for June 26, 2023 to begin cleaning. Powerwashing scheduled for exterior of building. Water system maintenance will be taken from the following fiscal year's budget. The quote has not yet been determined.
- Kitchen – Quote for ANSUL system updated – denied by Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal Joe Asklar explained the kitchen did not qualify as a commercial kitchen. Upon contractor inspection, the existing system complies with what was installed on the date it was installed, and therefore did not require updating by code. Due to concern over ANSUL operation, the Commission proceeded with the \$3,700 quote.

Kevin Gentile motioned to move forward with replacing the ANSUL system. Patrick Pabouet seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

- Kitchen sink – plumber, not a common stock sink, looking to get a replacement sink and new faucet.

- Tree destroyed by storm-truck has been replaced.

- Keypad to Station 2 was put into front door. Other codes for additional users and classes have been provided to Town Hall staff.

Fire Department:

- FC Kevin Asklar explained the recent outreach for Fire Department recruitment. Overall participation has decreased. Small social media campaign – Current results: 4 quality applicants to date.
- FC Asklar presented various invoices and purchase requisitions for approval.
- Stipend report completed. Town has already received a copy.
- Dues – Middlesex County Fire Chiefs. Marlborough will be resigning from Middlesex County Fire Chiefs.

Purchase Requisitions:

- Milwaukee M18 cordless sets to update truck.
- Additional equipment for the Rescue – to come out of Capital request fund, \$4,000.

Engine 2: Went out for repair previously. Repairs had to be repeated. Axel is suspected to be off. 2007 engine. Vehicle maintenance will come out of next year's budget.

7. FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – Joe Asklar

- Joe Asklar spoke on the new construction in town, including the project in the center of town. Code compliance has needed revisions. No new modifications needed.
- C.O. for West Road propane tank. Fire Safety Plan must be submitted for that distribution center; certificate of compliance if sent and signed.
- Subdivision, N. Main St. Housing: Dependent on what use-group they are placed into.
Proposal: Accessibility for fire apparatus. R2 or use-group. May need to sprinkle the building. Decision is up to architect and engineers.
- Town Daycare inspections are on the rise.
- Fire Dept. Fire Marshal's office – Poster contest, presentation for school.
- Underground tank removals are on the rise.
- Joe Asklar expressed how the Town is compensating the Fire Marshal for 4 hours a week. These 4 hours of pay are not feasible to continue at 4 hours a week with current workload.

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Recommended: Fire Marshal to submit hours to Fire Commission for the actual hours worked for an attempt to increase pay.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Kevin Gentile adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Overturf
Board Clerk