



ANDOVER FIRE COMMISSION
11 SCHOOL ROAD
ANDOVER CT 06232

March 4, 2019 Meeting

THESE MINUTES ARE UNAPPROVED UNTIL ACCEPTED / APPROVED BY THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS

In Attendance: W. Barton, C. Dowling, S. Yeomans, G. Wright, M. Williams
Guests: Ron Mike, Jr., Chief and C. O'Brien Assistant Chief

- 1 Call Meeting to Order: 6:55p.m.
- 2 Quorum: YES
- 3 Pledge of Allegiance: DONE
- 4 Additions / Deletions to Agenda: Add The 4th to the Agenda Notice
Add Item 12A **Officer/EMS Payment**
Chg. Agenda Numbers **FROM 18-30 TO 1-15**
Chg. Item **FROM January TO February**
- 5 Correspondence: NONE
- 6 Approval of the February 4, 2019 Minutes:
Motion to approve the 2/4/19 minutes as presented.
Motioned by C. Dowling 2nd by G. Wright APPROVED BY ALL
- 7 Financial Report: A) Treasurers Report - \$26,778.14 in check book
Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented
Motioned by C. Dowling 2nd by M. Williams APPROVED BY ALL
- 8 Building and Grounds: Still waiting for Techs to come out and check **Propane** for reason why it is costing so much. Commissioner Dowling will give them another call.
- 9 Apparatus: Everything is OK
- 10 Chief's Report: 29 Calls in February

SPENDING REQUESTS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>REQUEST FOR</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>
1	Misc. Hydrant Valves and Fittings	\$1,346.03	252
2	Misc. Supplies	\$ 250.00	325
3	10 ea. Pager Clips	\$ 80.00	878
	TOTAL	\$1,676.03	

Motion to spend \$1,676.03 on the above three items
Motioned by G. Wright 2nd by S. Yeomans APPROVED BY ALL

- 11 Old Business: **A) CIP Update – Tanker was approved by CIP – no goes to Finance Board**
After "re-submitting" a new 10-yr Plan as requested by CIP
Commissioner Dowling – who is the Fire Commission Rep – was asked to re-submit
another one. **His new 10-yr Plan shows:**

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| 1. 2019-2020 – Purchase New 3,000/gal Tanker Truck | \$411,418.00 |
| 2. 2023-2034 – Add Squad 115 Heavy Duty Rescue Pumper | \$750,000.00 |
| 3. 2026-2027 – Engine Tank 115: 2005 E-One Custom Pumper Refurbishment | \$275,000.00 |

Motion to accept the new changes to the 10-yr Plan and submit it to the CIP Commission.
Motioned by S. Yeomans 2nd by M. Williams 4 APPROVED 1 ABSTAINED

B) 2019-2020 Budget Update – As of 3/4/19 the Fire Commission's Budget was tentatively approved with a 9% increase.

- 12 New Business: **A) Officers/EMS Payment – Chief Mike presented a proposal to the Selectmen that would pay (compensate) Officers and EMS personnel for "working" calls. The yearly cost right now for this pay (compensation) would be \$26,500. The Selectmen requested on 3/4/19 that the proposal to pay (compensate) Officers/EMS personnel be added to the Fire Commission's Budget – using separate Account Number(s). Adding this proposal to the Fire Commission's Budget would increase the bottom line amount from a 9% increase to around 31% increase.**
After discussion – where a Commissioner did not like the compensation payment since we are a "Volunteer Department". Another Commissioner advised that as long as you explain why the budget is so high and what the pay (compensation) is and it would be kept separate all you can do is present it and see what the Selectmen and/or Towns people want to pay for.

Motion to add Chief's Mike's Proposal to pay (compensate) Officers and EMS personnel to the Fire Commission's 2019-2020 Budget.

Motioned by S. Yeomans 2nd by M. Williams 4 APPROVED 1 ABSTAINED

NOTE: Officers would be: Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, 2 Captains and 2 Lieutenants.
EMS personnel would be: EMS, EMT, EMR and Driver

13 Items for Future Agendas: Normal

14 Public Comment: NONE

15 Adjournment: **Motion to adjourn at 7:45p.m.**
Motioned by M. Williams 2nd by S. Yeomans APPROVED BY ALL

Submitted by

Carol Barton
Clerk

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3-16-2019 @ 10:55 AM
Theresa Jones
TOWN CLERK