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BRIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - 01/19/21

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Garrett, Commissioners Jeffries, Metzger, Potter, Wright, Chief Hiller, Treasurer Howk, Business Manager Fitch, Executive Assistant Finizio and other public listeners. Absent: Executive Director Aroesty.

CHAIRMAN GARRETT OPENED THE COMMISSION MEETING at 5:30pm. Good Evening Everyone. Today is Tuesday, January 19, 2021 and we are at the Brighton Fire Commission meeting. I am Chairman Richard Garrett. We are meeting for the regularly scheduled time. It has been posted on our website, on our signboard, and our newspaper of record, the Brighton Pittsford Post. It is being held virtually as per the Governor's executive order. All of the Commissioners are present, as well as the Chiefs, Treasurer, Business Manager and Executive Assistant. A transcript will be available upon request at a later date. The meeting is being recorded. All Commissioners, please identify yourselves for motions and seconds to motions. He then asked if anyone had any questions about the process. Hearing none, we moved on to the Chief's report.

CHIEF HILLER said that there have been 91 calls year-to-date with nothing of significance since the last meeting.

Small group training had been temporarily suspended due to the COVID increase. Based on the information that we have received from the County, we are in the midst of a spike right now. We expect the curve to start to lessen over the next several weeks once the second rounds of immunizations have happened. If that is the case, Chief Hiller will let the District know. He thinks we may start to resume small group training in about four to five weeks. That would also encompass the start of 2021 OSHA mandatory training, which should hopefully be sometime in February. Chairman Garrett asked if we were going to try to do any of it online. Chief Hiller answered yes, to the extent possible, sessions will be online.

Executive Director Aroesty had mentioned in his last report that we need to buy some equipment. The high-rise equipment that was on quint 301, which is now in reserve, has now been moved to quint 300 because it's the first two pieces of high rise in Station #1's area. As previously mentioned, we will need additional equipment to make that truck whole.

We're about seven and a half weeks into the pilot program with three frontline pieces. It seems to be going fairly well. We've had a few busy days, but nothing that has been insurmountable in terms of resource management or availability. We did have our first structure assignment with an automatic aid. That seemed to go fine. The pilot program is proceeding and we have not heard any real issues with it.

Chief Hiller had one matter to discuss in Executive Session.

Chairman Garrett asked if anyone had any questions of the Chief. There were none. Chairman Garrett said that he has Executive Director Aroesty's report.



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ON BEHALF OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AROESTY, CHAIRMAN GARRETT read his report. The Executive Director had back surgery today and will be at home for the next week to two weeks. Chairman Garrett has encouraged Executive Director Aroesty to get as much rest as possible.

Thank you to Mike Sands, Pat Meagher and Anthony Critelli for all of the work that they have done getting our wireless network up and running and extending the radio network server so that we will be able to update all of the radios at all three stations instead of just at Station #1. They have spent a considerable amount of time on the project and it will be a great benefit to us all. Thank you to them!

Chairman Garrett said that this was the end of the Executive Director's report and asked if anyone had any questions. There were no questions.

If anybody has any problems getting their first vaccine shot, please get in touch via email with the Executive Director or the Chief. Everybody should have received an email from Executive Assistant Finizio regarding two forms that need to be filled out and brought to the second shot. It's important to note that the insurance information will not be billed, it's just so that the County can get reimbursement. No individual will be billed for either the first or second shot.

Chairman Garrett asked if the Commissioners had anything to report. There was nothing.

Chairman Garrett reminded everyone that our next meetings are on Thursday, February 4th and Tuesday, February 16th.

Chairman Garrett said that we will move on to the Treasurer's report.

TREASURER HOWK requested permission to pay the invoices as audited. The abstracts and fund balance reports are available for review. Since the last Commission Meeting, we have spent \$163,159.39. A listing with all of the vouchers and amounts is attached inside the folder with the vouchers and Treasurer Howk is requesting that each Commissioner initial that sheet after they have reviewed it. It will be at the firehouse. A motion was made by Commissioner Potter and seconded by Commissioner Metzger to pay the bills as audited and the motion was approved unanimously by all of the Commissioners.

Treasurer Howk spoke to the Town of Brighton today in regards to getting some of our tax dollars. We are scheduled to get our first payment from them on January 29th. That is the traditional \$800,000. We will receive the balance of what is due to us sometime in the middle of February. The Town of Pittsford always gives us the income tax dollars right around the 16th of the month.

Chairman Garrett asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's report. Seeing none, we moved on to the Business Manager's report.

BUSINESS MANAGER FITCH had nothing to report.



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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT FINIZIO requested approval of the minutes as submitted. A motion was made by Commissioner Potter and seconded by Commissioner Metzger to approve the minutes as submitted and the motion was unanimously approved by all of the Commissioners.

We have been notified by the Fire Department that career firefighter, Andy Dickason was appointed as an associate member by President Nolan.

Chairman Garrett then asked if there was anything else.

Chairman Garrett then asked if anyone else had anything additional for the regular portion of the meeting. Since there was nothing else, he asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Potter and seconded by Commissioner Metzger to go into Executive Session at 5:43pm to discuss one matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeffries and seconded by Commissioner Potter to come out of Executive Session at 5:55pm where no action was taken.

Chairman Garrett then asked for a motion for adjournment.

Commissioner Wright made the motion and Commissioner Potter seconded the motion that we adjourn the meeting at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Finizio
Executive Assistant / (Acting Secretary)