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BRIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - 04/01/21

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

CHAIRMAN GARRETT OPENED THE COMMISSION MEETING at 5:30pm. Good Evening Everyone. Today is Thursday, April 1, 2021 and we are at the Brighton Fire Commission meeting. I am Chairman Richard Garrett. We are meeting at 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. A transcript will be available upon request at a later date. The meeting is being recorded. All Commissioners except for Commissioner Metzger are present. 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 stated that there have 462 calls year-to-date with nothing of significance since the last meeting.

At the last meeting, we reported that the County's new CAD system has been rolled out. We're still working through a couple of issues with that. The mapping is not ideal, so we're still trying to figure it out and see what alternatives there may be. For now, people are still using Bryx, which is fine. It's still in a phase where it's not perfect, but we're working with it.

Chief Hiller was invited to attend a funeral for the Spring Valley fireman, that was killed last week in Rockland County. Chief Hiller requests the District's permission to make that an event so that it can be covered by insurance. He asked to take the 3C10 car, leave tomorrow and be back Saturday. The Commissioners did not object to this and Chairman Garrett approved Chief Hiller taking the 3C10 vehicle to the Spring Valley fireman's funeral and covering him with our insurance. Chairman Garrett asked that this be noted in the minutes. Chief Hiller thanked the District.

Fishers Fire District Past Chief Stromfeld passed away from 911-related cancer. He was an NYPD ESU officer who aided in recovery efforts during 911 and retired on a 911 disability. He moved here, became the Fishers Fire Chief and unfortunately passed away. His arrangements will be calling hours of some sort next Thursday with a funeral on Friday. Assistant Chief Sands is coordinating our involvement directly with Fishers. We may provide a fill-in, but we need permission to take equipment out of the District. Chief Hiller wasn't sure what it will be, but with the reserve engine and reserve quint, we should be in okay shape to do something like that. Hearing no objections from the Commissioners, Chairman Garrett told the Chief to go ahead.

Chief Hiller had nothing to discuss in Executive Session.



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Chairman Garrett asked if anyone had any questions of the Chief's report. There were none.

Chairman Garrett asked Business Manager Fitch to give Executive Director's report on his behalf, since he was absent.

BUSINESS MANAGER FITCH PRESENTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AROESTY'S REPORT ON HIS BEHALF.

Firefighter Matt Nauerth gave his notice that his last day working at Brighton will be on April 8th. Executive Director Aroesty will be working on a staffing plan for Group 3 because they're going to be down three firefighters.

Firefighter Eric Smith's deployment has been moved up to May 10th from July 1st.

At the February 16th Commission Meeting, Executive Director Aroesty had asked permission for Safety Clean to come in to clean out the oil separator. They had to come back today because we had a blockage, so there will be an additional cost, plus we had to have a plumber come in. Executive Director Aroesty asked that we inform the Commissioners about that that there will be an additional cost, as we'll be going above what he had quoted.

That is the end of Executive Director Aroesty's report.

Chairman Garrett added that we have replaced the generators in the firehouses and we have two surplus obsolete generators. He wanted to have them declared as surplus so we can have them salvaged. Chairman Garrett asked Treasurer Howk whether we needed a motion or a resolution to declare them as salvage. Treasurer Howk answered that a motion would handle it. Commissioner Potter made the motion and Commissioner Jeffries seconded the motion to declare the two generators as salvaged. Chairman Garrett then asked the Commissioners if they were all in favor. They were and the motion carried.

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

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 20th.

Chairman Garrett had several items to discuss in Executive Session.

Commissioner Potter asked if we had a tentative meeting scheduled for April 13th. Is the one meeting in April cancelled? Chairman Garrett answered that yes, the April 13th meeting is cancelled. We are meeting today and the 20th. Then we will be back the first Thursday in May.



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Seeing no other items from the Commissioners, we will move on to Treasurer Howk's report.

TREASURER HOWK requested permission to pay the invoices as audited, the abstract and fund balance reports have been prepared and are available for review by the Commissioners. Since our last meeting, we have spent \$264,982. A list of these expenditures is included with the vouchers. Treasurer Howk is requesting that each Commissioner please initial the list after they have reviewed it. The Treasurer certifies that he has previously reviewed the purchase orders, and budget and certifies that there are sufficient funds in the budget to pay these invoices. A motion was made by Commissioner Potter and seconded by Commissioner Wright to pay the bills as audited and the motion was approved unanimously by all of the Commissioners.

Chairman Garrett asked Treasurer Howk if he had anything else to report. Treasurer Howk answered that, no, that was all he had.

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

We've been notified by the Fire Department that Jonathan Barrett has gone on medical leave, that Austin Magliato resigned and that they have a new Mutual Aid member named Amir Softic.

Business Manager Fitch added that we need approval on Amir's membership, since he is a mutual aid member.

Chairman Garrett asked that one of the Commissioner's make a motion to accept him through the Mutual Aid policy. Commissioner Wright made the motion and Commissioner Potter seconded the motion that accept Amir Softic as a Mutual Aid member. All of the Commissioners were in favor and the motion carried. Commissioner Jeffries asked Business Manager Fitch where Amir was from. She answered that she thought he was from Farmington, but she wasn't sure.

Chairman Garrett asked if anyone else had anything for the regularly scheduled part of the meeting.

Business Manager Fitch added that she didn't have anything to report, just so it's on the record.

Chairman Garrett asked if there was anything else for the regular portion of meeting. There was nothing. He then asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.



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Commissioner Potter made the motion and Commissioner Jeffries seconded the motion that we go into Executive Session at 5:40pm to discuss several personnel items.

Commissioner Potter made the motion and Commissioner Wright seconded the motion that we come out of Executive Session at 6:10pm where no action was taken.

Commissioner Jeffries made the motion and Commissioner Potter seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Finizio
Executive Assistant / (Acting Secretary)