

DRAFT MINUTES

Enfield Fire Wards

Date: December 5, 2017

Present: Timothy Taylor, Lloyd Hackman, Fred Cummings

Others: David Crate, John Pellerin, Richard Martin

Tim called the meeting to order at 19:02.

There was a discussion about the 2018 budget prepared by David and John. It was decided to ask the Town to encumber 3000 dollars from the Repairs and Service Contracts line and 5000 dollars from the Vehicle Repair line. 2000 dollars was also but from the request for Gasoline. Fred will prepare a Memo to the Town Manager about the request to encumber.

There was discussion about waiting to the end of the year to go on a buying spree. David explained his philosophy of trying to make sure if something unexpected occurs, there is money available. Fred stated it wasn't right to wait until the end of the year and buy a bunch of stuff that you budgeted for and stated you needed, but wait and buy it at the end of the year. He stated if you didn't need it, it could be bought in next years budget. The other two Fire Wards had no issue with the way David was doing it.

There was discussion about buying a Thermal Imaging Camera from this years budget. The Firefighters Association had also said they were going to buy one. It has been discussed to keep the old one that it is hard to find parts for and put it in the other engine in Union St and place the two new ones in the primary engine in Union St as well as in Enfield Center. Fred stated that there is no need to have three cameras for the small town that we are. Full time departments don't even have that many in some places. Others disagreed.

There was discussion about the roof at Union St. David received quotes and has spoken to the Town Manager. David would like to go with Rodd Roofing due to the way they do the roof, even though their bid was higher. The Fire Wards concurred.

Fred asked David for updates on the garage door. It has been two years and it has not been replaced. Money was approved in 2016. He will work on it.

Fred also asked about the new furnace for Union St and Shedd St that was approved at Town Meeting this year. Nothing has been done. David will follow up.

There was a discussion about Capital Equipment requests. Lloyd believes that the recently purchased Engine should be moved to Union St when a new engine is purchased. He would like to see a smaller engine purchased for the Center station. Fred disagreed. There was some discussion about this, with Fred being in the minority. Tim agreed this was a good approach. Fred also stated that thought should be given to combining the rescue and the engine in to one truck, thus alleviating one truck and saving money for the Town. However, due to the desire to purchase a smaller engine for the Center station as indicated by the other two Fire Wards, this won't be possible.

There was discussion about Capital needs between now and 2023, as requested by the Town for planning purposes. It was decided what trucks needed to be replaced in this time period, and Fred will prepare the documents for the Town.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:57.