

BROOKLYN FIRE & EMS DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES 03/22/2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Mark O'Brien. Members present were John Marx, Kim Gruebling, Sue Williams and Michael Brusberg. Mason Barber, Justin Wick, and Sarah Andrisevic were also present.

Motion: Gruebling/Brusberg to approve minutes of the December 28th, 2022 meeting as written. Motion carried.

O'Brien thanked the department for the membership dinner held the previous weekend. He also congratulated the department for advancing the service above the basic service level.

Chief Barber presented the 2022 annual report. As of yesterday, the ambulance service has transitioned to the flex service, to provide a higher level of care. Currently there are 8 members that have A-EMT licenses, 6 have been licensed with the medical director. The medical director has approved Justin Sullivan to credential the other 2 members to run at the advanced level of service. Chief Barber commented as the warmer weather coming up, the out of service hours usually increase. He mentioned doing some incentive for members to fill those hours and offering some hours ran bonus. Car 1 is back to life, been using it a lot. They ended up going with a used engine with a 1 year warranty. It was significantly cheaper than a new engine. Marx asked if any of the officers have been taking it home. Chief barber reported he has been using it a lot. There was discussion regarding the pay for the members with the advanced EMT certification.

Motion: Brusberg/Williams to move forward with the Chief's recommendation to increase the paid on premises rate for A-EMTs by \$3 and the paid on call rate to \$5. Motion carried.

EMS Division Chief Wicik presented the EMS division report for January and February. Call wise, same ballpark as last year for same timeframe. The out of service hours we 85.5 in Jan and 62.5 in Feb. There were 15 mutual aid call over the last two months. At the state level, along with the A-EMT, the two services have been merged together, so there is only one license now. We have received the additional payment for the flex grant. Additional ARPA money should be distributed soon. Wicik commented the medical director came up with a check list and written test for members to show proficiency to be certified to run as an AEMT.

The district secretary handed out year-end financials. Both departments were under budget. EMS was \$38,744 under budget and that amount was added to the unallocated funds. Fire was \$15,528 under budget and that amount was added to the unallocated funds.

There was discussion on use of department cell phones. The district secretary commented she rarely uses the one provided to her. Chief Barber commented one of the assistant chiefs does not use hers at all either.

Motion: Brusberg/Williams to empower the chief to make decision on what the department cell phone use is. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding retirement benefits.

No action was taken on retirement benefits.

The next meeting will be April 19th, 2023.

Motion: Gruebling/Williams to adjourn at 8:32pm. Motion carried.