

**EMERGENCY SERVICES EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF WILLINGTON
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING
REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 2023**

Members present: Peter Tanaka; Chairman and Board of Finance, From Willington Fire Department #1 (WFD#1): Ron Gantick; President, Stuart Cobb; Assistant Chief (joined the meeting at 6:55 pm), From Willington Hill Fire Department (WHFD): Mike Makuch; Lieutenant/Selectman.

1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Emergency Services Efficiency Committee was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on July 11, 2023 by Chairman Peter Tanaka. Chairman Tanaka stated as there is no quorum tonight, this is not an official meeting, it is only an informational meeting.

2. Seating of Alternates.

There were no alternates to seat.

3. Present to Speak.

No one was present to speak.

4. Approval of Minutes.

Unable to approve because it is an informational meeting only.

5. Old Business.

a. Mold Update Station 13

President Gantick reported that the demolition and remediation has been completed. Everything except one dumpster has been removed from the premises. Every sheet of sheetrock has been torn out; every stud has been wiped down twice. There is no rot in any of the framing. They checked the building after heavy rain and there was a lot of water in the channel (which sits on top of the foundation and the skin of the building is bolted to it) but does not go over the channel. They let that water be and Karl Acimovic, Town Engineer came and inspected the building. Karl will give them some recommendations for excavation, etc. After another heavy rain, President Gantick found spots in the day room and kitchen where water had come in, so it looks like the water is coming in from the roof of the building, not underneath the building. Ralph Tulis inspected the concrete and stated it was fine. President Gantick stated that they (WFD#1) are going to experiment with the fire truck hoses and try to make it leak inside to see if they can figure out where it is leaking. Chairman Tanaka stated that is good news because it isn't as bad as once thought. President Gantick stated that the ET, out of service ambulance and foam trailer are back in that building. Chairman Tanaka asked how WFD#1 is doing with the money that was set aside for that project. President Gantick stated that they had enough money to do what needed to be done and they probably have \$9-10,000.00 left.

b. CIP Discussion

Chairman Tanaka asked if there was anything to add for CIP. Selectman Makuch stated that the financing package for WHFD's service truck finally went out for bid and the Town Finance Office is waiting for returns on the RFP's for the financing. Selectman Makuch is not sure where Chief Snyder is on getting the dealer to hold the vehicle. Selectman Makuch stated that they are no longer in the fiscal year that the vehicle was approved for because everything took so long to get (the RFP, etc.). Selectman Makuch stated that this is probably a lesson for future CIP's to plan better and not go a full fiscal year without having the financing in place with the item being purchased.

c. Town of Union Discussions

Nothing to report on the Town of Union discussions.

d. Budget Alignment – Town Business Office on Board?

Chairman Tanaka mentioned that the budget alignment changes have been put into effect. He called Donna Latincsics to go ahead with that. He stated that all line items should be changed, and the financial reporting should be the same for both departments.

Chairman Tanaka asked if there were any issues starting the new fiscal year. A discussion was had on WFD#1's surplus money from last fiscal year and WHFD's money issues ending the last fiscal year. Chairman Tanaka will call Donna Latincsics and make sure the accounting is good with her.

6. New Business.

a. Tax Abatement

Chairman Tanaka stated that he got the new draft on the tax abatement from Chief Snyder. A discussion was had on the accounting for the 10% quota for calls and where firefighters stand with that. A discussion was had on which calls count towards the tax abatement and which ones don't.

b. Pre Plans

Assistant Chief Cobb stated that the old maps that were made in the 70's and 90's have been updated and should be published shortly. They will be available on iPads and could probably be accessed with phones, but it would be harder with phones. He stated that the campgrounds in town pose a bit of a problem with their numbering.

Assistant Chief Cobb asked if WHFD has a representative or two that would like to work with WFD#1 to share what information they have, i.e., senior housing, etc. A discussion was had on the Senior Housing complex and apartment complexes in town. A discussion was had on water supply and dry hydrants.

c. SOP's/SOG's/A&O's/Accreditation

Chairman Tanaka asked if there has been any progress made on the junior firefighter guidelines. That was unknown at this time. Chairman Tanaka stated this was a Chief's matter and he will inquire with them the next meeting they are at.

d. IT Integration

This item was covered under pre plans.

e. Next Steps/Agenda Items

A discussion was had on CIP items being added and how both departments should know what equipment needs to be replaced for either one, the prices of equipment now and that long range CIP plans for items should be discussed between the departments.

f. Any Concerns That Have Arisen Since Last Meeting

There were no concerns since the last meeting.

7. Correspondence.

None.

8. Good and Welfare.

None.

9. Adjournment.

President Gantick moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Makuch

Vote: All yes.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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