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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
NORTH THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT #10
FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

This past year, 2018-2019, has been another successful year providing exceptional fire protection & emergency medical service to the residents of North Thompsonville.

As a District, we continue to maintain and improve the station. Over the past year, we have seen the completion of the stucco replacement, repainting of the exterior and the rear stairwell, replacement of the stair floors and the parking lot and drainage project. This year's budget proposal includes replacement of the phone system and wiring, which we can no longer obtain replacement parts for, modernizing the day room kitchen and replacing the sound system in the training room which is past its useful life.

In our continuing efforts to improve the District's fleet of vehicles and equipment, we have replaced several fire hydrants working in concert with Connecticut Water Company who has provided the labor at no charge as they replace water mains. This past year also saw the addition of a Tempest Electric Exhaust Fan which has been used to quickly ventilate on emergency responses. This year's proposal includes replacement of the hydraulic tools that were previously used on Engine 42 and new cutting tools on Engine 42. We are also proposing the replacement of the current Chief's vehicle which would be passed down to the deputy chief. We also propose the sale of the current deputy chief vehicle.

Another focus of the Commission has been the training, safety and well-being of our Firefighters. To that end, the replacement of much of the gym equipment for the use of department personnel will be completed by the end of June and also completed the purchase of expiring RIT SCBA bottles.

The District continues participation in the inter-local agreement with commissioners from all the Fire Districts to share information for the betterment of all Fire Districts in the Town of Enfield. We continue to work, through the inter-local on the fire training facility on Shaker Rd. The budget proposal this evening again includes anticipated costs to fund the construction loan and maintenance of the facility.

We continue to staff the Friday and Saturday evening shifts, providing coverage for the District from 5 PM to 12 AM. This has proved to be an exceptional service and has been most beneficial to residents of our District regarding fire and emergency medical calls.

This year, we are requesting approval of the proposed budget of \$1,512,063 in expenditures, which includes both operational and capital improvements. This proposal once again includes no increase to the current 3.15 mil rate but does call for \$14,287 to be expended from the fund balance to offset a tax increase. We are also requesting district voter approval of a \$35,000 allocation to the capital and non-recurring fund with the intent of offsetting the costs of future fire apparatus purchases.

The Board of Fire Commissioners worked diligently with the Chief and Secretary/Treasurer in coming up with this year's proposed budget and feel the mil rates presented are necessary to maintain a healthy fund balance while properly funding for the protection of the district's residents.

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NORTH THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT #10
FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

The Board of Fire Commissioners would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Chief, Deputy Chiefs, Officers and all members of our department, Secretary/Treasurer and fellow Commissioner's for their time and dedication on behalf of all the residents and taxpayers of our district. Our District continues to be a highly successful department, which we are all very proud.

All residents and taxpayers of our district are encouraged to contact any member of the Board of Fire Commissioners or the Chief of our department if they have any concerns regarding our fire service.

We are looking forward to the coming year and the continued success of our district.

Respectfully submitted, Board of Fire Commissioners:

Jason M. Jones, Chairman

Howard G. Coro, Vice Chairman

Edward N. Deni, Commissioner

Michael S. Hoffman, Commissioner

Richard J. Fedo, Commissioner

NORTH THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF / FIRE MARSHAL

Your Firefighters Serving District Residents with Pride

The North Thompsonville Fire Department responded to 663 incidents during the calendar year of 2018. A breakdown of incidents by type is:

21 Fire Calls	119 Good Intent Calls	112 Miscellaneous & Service Calls
27 Hazardous Conditions	331 Medical Calls	53 False Alarms – False Calls

This is an increase of 75 incidents when compared to last year. The dollar loss due to fire was approximately \$67,650. There were five reportable injuries to civilians from fire and no substantial injuries to firefighters in 2018.

This past year the North Thompsonville Fire Marshal's office conducted plan reviews and construction inspections on multiple projects, as well as the required annual building & hazmat inspections. One hundred and thirty-two properties were inspected for potential violations of the Connecticut Fire Safety code. Smoke detectors do save lives please make sure you have working smoke detectors in your home and be sure to let us know if you need assistance with your detectors. I would also ask that if you are doing renovations to your home, consider a residential fire sprinkler system they are more affordable than you might think.

In the past year the firefighters of this department have committed over 4,400 hours at incidents and nearly 3,600 hours on training. Not included in this figure is the time our officers spend preparing for classes, various meetings and committees or the cleanup time after a response. It should be obvious that being a volunteer firefighter is a highly demanding job. Your Firefighters are a very dedicated group and my thanks go out not only to the firefighters but their families. Being a firefighter heavily involves and takes commitment from all family members as well and I thank the families of our firefighters for their commitment to the District. I often speak of the need for additional people to volunteer for the fire department and that need is no greater than now. Unfortunately, the number of people who volunteer for the fire department less now than ever before. Being a firefighter is very rewarding and a noble calling and the benefits are numerous. We provide the training and equipment all you have to do is dedicate the time.

We have done a number of improvements around the District and at the station. While the Connecticut Water Company is updating water mains on several streets at the State Line area, we took the opportunity to replace old fire hydrants and add a few more where there was a need. Additionally, at the station we have finished the bay floor project, repaired and redone the stucco on the outside of the station as well as painting the doors and outside trim.

It is tough to believe that we renovated and added on to the station over twenty-seven years ago. The station is looking great and I compliment the members who take care of the station and the Day Shift that does the maintenance, the pride they take in their work is clear. The equipment is also kept in great shape and Lieutenant Jake Light does a great job with the in-house apparatus maintenance.

This past year Doug Maxellon retired as Deputy Chief after serving in that position for close to twenty-five years and I thank Doug for his work and many years of service as Deputy Chief. Jay Macsata was appointed to fill the open Deputy Chief Position in November of 2018. For their work all year long, I would like to thank Deputy Chief's David Laponese and Deputy Chief Jay Macsata, Deputy Fire Marshal Captain Kevin Peritz, as well all of our Firefighters and Fire Officers. Additionally, I would like to thank District Secretary – Treasurer Tim Keene and the Board of Fire Commissioners for their cooperation and work for the Fire District.

In closing, I would also like to express my gratitude to our fire department mutual aid partners as well as the Police and EMS departments for their cooperation. I would also like to thank our Enfield Public Safety Dispatchers who are the public's first contact when there is an emergency or even a routine call or question.

We look forward to another successful and safe year here at Fire District #10.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earl F. Provencher

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Fire Chief / Fire Marshal

NORTH THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT # 10
TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL 2018 - 2019

The accounting firm of Viola, Chrabasz, Reynolds & Co. LLP of Enfield was hired to perform the annual audit of the District's financial records for year ending June 30, 2018 as prescribed by the CT State Statutes. Pages 13-16 of this report were taken from their audited financial statements.

Pages 13 and 14 include the independent auditor's report and their opinion that the financial statements are presented fairly.

Page 15 includes the Balance Sheet for the District which reports general fund assets of \$998,446 and liabilities of \$154,796 leaving a general fund balance of \$843,650 at June 30, 2018. The Statement of Net Position includes capital assets of \$3,851,424 and non-current liabilities of \$747,798. Total assets are \$4,849,870 and total liabilities are \$912,714 leaving a total net position of \$3,937,156.

Page 16 is a detailed schedule comparing actual vs. budgeted revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The approved budget included total revenues equal to total expenditures. Actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenues by \$12,719 and actual expenditures were short of budgeted expenditures by \$312 resulting in actual net revenues over actual and budgeted expenditures of \$13,031. Including \$41,404 in proceeds from financing, the general fund balance increased by \$54,435 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

Page 9 compares current fiscal year income and expenses through April 30, 2019 with the current year approved budget. Total actual income received is in excess of total budgeted income by \$7,811. Expenses through April 30 are \$378,767 under budget but are expected to be in line with budgeted amounts at the end of the fiscal year.

Page 10 presents a comparison of the current year budget to next fiscal years' proposed budget. Income from property taxes is projected to decrease slightly from \$1,491,317 to \$1,491,040 due primarily to a decrease in the real estate and business personal property grand list. Appropriations are projected to increase from \$1,416,848 to \$1,512,063 primarily because of a \$73,725 increase in budgeted capital expenditures. Expenditures in 2019-2020 are projected to exceed income by \$14,286 resulting in the transfer of \$50,000 from the general fund with \$35,000 of this amount to be transferred to the capital and non-recurring fund.

Page 11 reports pension plan activity and ending values as of April 30, 2018 and 2019 for both the volunteer pension plan and the full-time employee pension plan. Total pension plan values increased from \$1,380,885 at April 30, 2018 to \$1,501,614 at April 30, 2019.

Page 12 provides the grand list for our district for the last five years with estimated tax revenue based on the approved mill rate for each year vs. actual tax revenue received.

I would like to thank the Board of Commissioners, Chief Provencher and members of the department for their help in making my first full year on the job a pleasurable one.

Timothy M. Keene
District Secretary / Treasurer