

**CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE, AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Nick Sacchinelli, Chair; Doug Hempstead; Barbara Smyth; Doug Stern; George Tsiranides; Chris Yerinides

STAFF: Deanna D'Amore, Director of Health; Glenn Iannacone, Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator; Chief Gino Gatto, Fire Chief

OTHERS: Diane Lauricella

I. WELCOME - ROLL CALL

Mr. Sacchinelli called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and stated that the above members were in attendance and there was a quorum present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting: September 28, 2017

- ** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO IN FAVOR (2) AND FIVE ABSTENTIONS (5)**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Diane Lauricella

Ms. Lauricella thanked the committee for including the backup documents and stated that it's helpful for the public to have more than just the agenda, and that it adds more depth and hopes that will continue.

Ms. Lauricella stated that in early 1990's she was the first and only civilian Chairperson appointed by Chief Yost for what was then the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and asked that the committee keep an open mind and she is ready to act as a resource to turn the committee onto other people outside of the city when there is questions regarding

emergency management and response. She said that there is very good staff in-house but we could also all learn from what other people have and have not done.

Ms. Lauricella stated that she has read the contract and stated that she is confused about the dates because half of the contract has gone by, and she also wants to understand what kinds of information she could look up. She stated that she would like to see a more robust effort not only for this particular contract but also in the future and that it is very important to have as many live drills as possible.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM YALE NEW HAVEN HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,217 FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY, 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018 FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

Ms. D'Amore stated that the overall purpose of this grant is to ensure that we can respond effectively to natural disasters, bio-terrorism and other public health emergencies. It allows us to participate in local and regional planning specific to health as well as all hazards and to educate and train our staff, conduct drills and exercises to test and improve our plans and our communication systems, and also allows us to strengthen our capacity to deliver medications or vaccines to the entire city within a small amount of time and to coordinate our local emergency response team.

Mr. Iannacone said that there was a delay from the state and that the contract should have started six months ago, and that it happens almost every year. He stated that there is a tabletop drill that will take place in March, and that there will also be an annual drill to set up the point of distribution and will be held at Norwalk High School and will either be held in May or July.

Mr. Stern asked if this in a onetime grant or if it is annual grant. Mr. Iannacone said that it is an annual grant. Mr. Hempstead asked if any additional personnel will need to be hired or will it all be done in-house. Ms. D'Amore said "no" and that it will be done in-house. Mr. Tsiranides asked if the grant amount is what was requested or was it modified by the state. Mr. Iannacone said it is the amount that the state gives and we have to work with the confines.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE ITEM PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

1B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS OR AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018.

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE ITEM PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

**2. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO CROWLEY FORD, LLC 225 NEW BRITAIN AVE., PLAINVILLE, CT. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) FORD EXPLORERS 4WD XLT, FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$68,862.00.
ACCOUNT NO. 0918-C0486**

Chief Gatto stated that these are two staff cars that will be replaced and that one is a 2007 Ford Explorer and is constantly being repaired, and the other car is a 2002 Ford Explorer. Mr. Stern asked if there is any thought ever given into leasing vehicles. Chief Gatto said that they have never leased any vehicles. Mr. Tsiranides stated that there would be too much wear and tear on the car and that the mileage is high so there would be no value to leasing, and would exceed the parameters of a lease and would end up owing money at the end of the lease. Mr. Hempstead stated because the repairs are made in-house for Police, Fire and Public Works it has never paid to lease the cars.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE ITEM PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd
Telesco Secretarial Services