

**TOWN OF EAST LYME**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2015**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

**Mark Nickerson, First Selectman**  
**Holly Cheeseman**  
**Rose Ann Hardy**  
**Marc Salerno**  
**Kevin Seery**

**Members Absent:**  
**Rob Wilson**

**Also Present:**

**Anna Johnson, Finance Director**  
**John McDonald, Niantic Fire Department**  
**James Levandoski, Flanders Fire Department**  
**Richard Morris, Emergency Management**  
**Sergeant Wilfred Blanchette, Police Department**

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February 24, 2015 AT 9:40 AM/PM  
*William J. ...*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Nickerson called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. DISCUSSIONS OF THE FOLLOWING BUDGETS:**

**- NIANTIC FIRE DEPARTMENT**

John McDonald, Chief of the Niantic Fire Department presented the budget. He stated the Fuel Budget Line covers both buildings. The First Selectman's will be sending a request to the Ambulance Association asking them to purchase diesel fuel for the Fire Departments. That number may have to be re-visited.

Mr. Nickerson stated he sent an email today, and a formal letter will follow.

Mr. McDonald stated all of their fuel is diesel except for the brush truck and the Chief's car. There is a decrease in radio maintenance because last year they needed new batteries.

Ms. Hardy asked about the OSHA required testing that was decreased.

Mr. Nickerson stated he would like both departments to do their testing on the same day to lower the cost of the testing. He asked Mr. McDonald to work with Mr. Levandoski on getting a quote for the required testing to see if the \$13,000 per department would cover it. He hopes to find savings on this and have them treated as one department with their testing.

Mr. McDonald stated there should be some savings if they do them all together. Mostly all of their testing is done annually.

Ms. Hardy asked if there have been any OSHA deficiencies that needing correction in the past.

Mr. McDonald stated they haven't had an OSHA inspection.

Mr. Nickerson asked if when the testing was done last year if there were any deficiencies.

Mr. McDonald stated no, everything passed.

Ms. Cheeseman asked if the cellular phones are bundled with the rest of the Town.

Mr. McDonald stated they were.

- **FLANDERS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

James Levandoski, Chief of the Flanders Fire Department presented the budget.

Mr. Seery asked about the increase in small equipment, is that an increase because of the purchase of new radios.

Mr. Levandoski stated it is for a radio that would be on the same frequency as Waterford for calls for Aid to Waterford. Currently they cannot use the one they have for that purpose. When they go to a Waterford call it doesn't work. This new radio would work.

Mr. McDonald stated their radio is sometimes successful if they have to go to Waterford, but they do not go to Waterford as much as Flanders does.

Mr. Levandoski stated they would like to catch up with the times.

Mr. Nickerson asked why the fuel for Flanders was the same as the fuel for Niantic, who has two buildings.

Mr. Levandoski stated the \$3000.00 has been there the last three or four years. He also stated that he felt there could be some savings if all of the testing was done the same day as Niantic.

- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Richard Morris, Emergency Management Director presented the budget.

Ms. Hardy asked about the full time dispatcher position that the Board of Selectmen had authorized last year.

Mr. Morris stated they are filling the full time position with part time workers.

Ms. Hardy asked if that is efficient.

Mr. Morris stated it is adequate and they are well trained. He asked for another position to fill vacation and leave time.

Mr. Nickerson stated it makes business sense to fill the full time position with part time employees.

- **POLICE**

Sergeant Wilfred Blanchette of the East Lyme Police Department presented the budget.

Mr. Nickerson stated in the Governor's budget today there was talk about the Resident Trooper Program becoming full funded by the Towns.

Anna Johnson stated they revised the salary amount to \$1,496,425.00 because the roster has one less employee on it than originally calculated.

Mr. Blanchette stated the radios are 15 or 16 years old. Two of them they can't even get parts for. Two new vehicles have the new State radios in them. There will be a drop dead date to change all of the radios over. All new radios are compatible with the State system.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion (1) Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:55 p.m.**

**Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman.**

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Karen Miller Galbo  
Recording Secretary Pro-Tem**