

# Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS SAFER Grant Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By: SAFER Grant Committee      Date, Time: 05/24/2022, 6:00 PM  
Transcribed By: Beth Joslin      Location: Tilton Town Hall  
257 Main St, Tilton

## Call to Order

Commissioner Pyra called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

## Attendance

Commissioner Eric Pyra, Paul Blaisdell, Scott Lewandowski, and Chief Michael Sitar

## Meeting Minutes

### April 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Paul made a motion to accept the minutes of April 26<sup>th</sup> as written. Scott seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

## Old Business

### Impact Fees

Paul commented that his opinion is they should shy away from impact fees as he believes it will add a lot of administrative costs. He also questioned how it could be addressed fairly and how will it affect growth in both towns?

### Reduction in overtime costs

Paul mentioned the reduction in overtime. Chief Sitar commented that it is a hard number to find given the new records system but he can say that the number of emergency call backs has decreased, therefore cutting down on overtime. He noted that it is not something they previously tracked.

Paul asked if there is a reduction, how can they utilize that towards the SAFER positions? Chief Sitar stated that he can move funds within the same fiscal year but that he won't have an idea on what extra there is till the last quarter. Discussion ensued as to how they could utilize the extra money in overtime towards funding SAFER employees; including a warrant article. Paul commented that it may not be a funding source but just an unintended consequence of the additional staff.

### Potential New Projects

Commissioner Pyra stated that he had heard a large project would be coming to Tilton that would generate 1 million in taxes for the town of Tilton, would any of that benefit the fire department. Paul asked how that would work. Chief Sitar replied that the Fire District does not see anything from that other than the calls it would generate which come with expenses as well. Discussion ensued regarding monies offsetting that tax burden on the taxpayers rather than benefitting the fire district.

Discussion regarding impact fees and other options including negotiation for something from large projects. Chief Sitar commented that there were talks with the developer regarding having a spot for their boat.

Scott asked how an increase in EMS calls would affect the Diesel budget. Discussion ensued.

Discussion ensued regarding proposing impact fees and warrant articles to Commissioners at next meeting.

Commissioner Pyra commended the press release for the recent fire.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

Paul made a motion to adjourn. Scott seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Joslin*

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Office Clerk

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:                      TBD