

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
EAST CENTRAL FIRE/EMS GOVERNING BODY**

The monthly meeting of the East Central Fire & EMS Protection Territory Board was called to order on December 11, at 3:00 pm by President Bob Byrd.

Members Present: Steve Ottenweller, John Graber, Bob Byrd, Jeff Abbot, Chad Bauer, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Board members signed a roll call sheet and Christine Camp read the roll call.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Mark Bradtmueller made the motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Mark Smith seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, John Graber, Bob Byrd, Chad Bauer, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Nays: none

Pay Claims

The pay claims were signed by Board members. John Smith made the motion to approve the pay claims. Steve Ottenweller seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, John Graber, Bob Byrd, Chad Bauer, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Nays: none

The New Haven Board Of Works had approved the pay claims prior to the Fire Territory Board meeting.

Unfinished Business

Merit Draft and

Merit Ordinance Resolution

The Chief requested the Board approve the Resolution on Merit Ordinance Step 1. This will allow us to meet the new State Statute that takes affect 1/1/2026. Our Attorney has approved the Ordinance.

Steve Ottenweller made a motion to approve the Resolution on Merit Ordinance Step 1. Chad Bauer seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, John Graber, Bob Byrd, Chad Bauer, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Nays: none

New Business

Mark Bradtmueller made a motion to add 2026 East Central Fire & EMS Volunteer Contract approval to the agenda. Mark Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, John Graber, Bob Byrd, Chad Bauer, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Nays: none

Bound Tree Invoice

The Chief is requesting the approval to pay the Bound Tree Invoice #86003712 in the amount of \$21,266.67.

Mark Bradtmueller made a motion to pay the Bound Tree Invoice #86003712 in the amount of \$21,266.67. John Graber seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, John Graber, Bob Byrd, Chad Bauer, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Nays: none

East Central Fire & EMS volunteer Invoice

The Chief is requesting the approval to pay the East Central Fire & EMS volunteer 4th quarter stipend Invoice #1050 in the amount of \$36,005.25.

Chad Bauer made a motion to pay the East Central Fire & EMS volunteer 4th quarter stipend Invoice #1050 in the amount of \$36,005.25. Mark Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, John Graber, Bob Byrd, Chad Bauer, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Nays: none

Probationary Career Staff Status Change

The Chief is requesting Travis Filosa and Matt Bobay be removed from probationary status to full-time FF/EMT with a bi-weekly pay of \$2,317.28 affective December 14, 2025.

Mark Smith made a motion to have Travis Filosa and Matt Bobay be removed from probationary status to full-time FF/EMT with a bi-weekly pay of \$2,317.28 affective December 14, 2025. Jeff Abbott seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, John Graber, Bob Byrd, Chad Bauer, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Nays: none

Career Staff New Hires

The Chief is requesting the approval to hire 2 candidates once they successfully complete the Perf Physical. The Chief would like to hire the 2 candidates once approval is recieved from the State Pension Board. The candidates will start with at a probationary bi-weekly pay rate for FF/EMT of \$2,343.71.

Chad Bauer made a motion to approve hiring 2 candidates once they have successfully complete the Perf Physical. The candidates will start with a probationary bi-weekly pay rate for FF/EMT of \$2,343.71. Mark Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, John Graber, Bob Byrd, Chad Bauer, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Nays: none

2026 East Central Fire & EMS Volunteer Contract

The Chief requested approval of the 2026 East Central Fire & EMS Volunteer Contract.

Chad Bauer made a motion to approve the 2026 East Central Fire & EMS Volunteer Contract. Mark Bradtmueller seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, John Graber, Bob Byrd, Chad Bauer, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Nays: none

This contract was signed by all Board members.

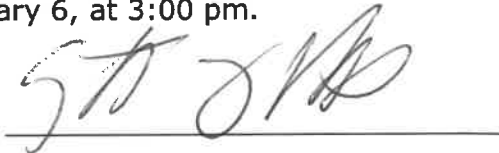
Adjournment

Mark Smith made the motion to adjourn the Board meeting. John Graber seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, John Graber, Bob Byrd, Chad Bauer, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller

Nays: none

The next regular scheduled meeting is January 6, at 3:00 pm.



Steve Ottenweller

Secretary



Bob Byrd

President