

# **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION**

## **Regular Meeting**

**JUNE 10, 2019**

### **“MINUTES”**

**Present:** Brett Salafia, Phil Visintainer, Eric Germain, and Darin Hurne.

**Others Present:** Fire Chief Greg Voelker and Marty Swan.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Salafia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Company #1 on Barton Hill Road.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Presentation ACG Associates 2018 Awards:** Rick from ACG Associates presented the final product for the awards program. The earnings and loses were recorded in the booklet, and it shows all the loses were made up. It also specifies which awards and bonuses were allocated to each individual member. Also listed with the members are their earning balance and their vested balance. The booklet also listed the terminated members and the new members that joined the department. There was a break down of end-of-year compared to last year, and the rate of return for each year.

#### **Approval of the Minutes:**

- a) *Mr. Germain made a motion to approve of the May 13, 2019 regular meeting minutes with the changes to say the 35-foot ladder is mounted to the truck and the 1,500 gpm. Seconded by Mr. Visintainer. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

**Public Remarks:** Mr. Swan handed out a copy of the new legislation act.

**Approval of bills/budget report:** The Fire Chief wants to zero out account 5652 to use it for new gear and jackets. \$7,200 for 4 sets of gear and need an extra \$10,000 if possible, for extra gear expenses. *Mr. Germain made a motion to incumber money from account 5652 for new gear and jackets and not to exceed \$10,000 from Capital. Seconded by Mr. Visintainer. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

**Fire Marshal Report:** Attached to the minutes

**Fire Chief Report:** Attached to the minutes

**Communications:** None

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- a) **Dry Hydrant Follow Up:** The final revisions are being made to the report. A copy will be sent electronically and by mail.

- b) **New Engine 2-12 Status:** The Fire Chief is figuring out when to discuss final expenses and possible approval for bonding the project with Jeff Jylkka and Mike Maniscalco.
- c) **Osha Complaint Follow Up:** The Fire Chief is trying to get in contact with the representative. Mail was sent out to the Town Hall instead of the Fire Department. This topic will be discussed next meeting.
- d) **Physicals/ Provider Update:** The medical center in Colchester won't be able to accommodate the size of the department and won't have enough staff to provide the services. The physicals will have to be performed by Op Med this year while the Fire Chief is still looking for a new provider.

**New Business:**

- a) **Proposed FD Bylaw Changes:** There is a conflict between the Fire Marshal office and the duties of the Fire Fighters. There needs to be a clear distinction between the Fire Marshal office and the Fire Department and their duties. Someone doesn't need to be in the Fire Department to work for the Fire Marshal's office. A clear chain of command is needed on scene while dealing with an incident. It is in the procedures to have fire fighters come back to the fire house and finish their duties. This topic will be tabled for next meeting for further discussion with Fire Department officers and Fire Marshal office in attendance.

**Adjournment:** *Mr. Hurne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Mr. Visintainer seconded. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk

Administrative Assistant