

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

AUGUST 12, 2019

“MINUTES”

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

Others Present: Marty Swan and Fire Marshall Rich Klotzbier.

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:

Approval of the Minutes: *The minutes have been tabled for next month's meeting. The public comment section needs to be revised.*

Election of Chairman: *A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Hurne, to maintain the existing positions with the same board members for chairman and Secretary. Voted 3-0 in favor.*

Election of Secretary: *A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Hurne, to maintain the existing positions with the same board members for chairman and Secretary. Voted 3-0 in favor.*

Bills/ Budget Reports: No update.

Fire Marshal Report: Attached to minutes.

Fire Chief Report: Attached to minutes.

Communications and Liaison Reports: No update.

Unfinished Business:

- a) **Dry Hydrant Follow Up:** The members talked about which hydrants need to be the top ones to be fixed. There is \$4,500 in the capital budget for the dry hydrants. The members decided that the hydrant by Edgemere needs to be backflushed more than once a year. It was suggested that two new pipes should be installed to fix the hydrant. The other priority hydrant is the one by Cobalt Lodge.
- b) **New Engine 2-12 Status:** The project received the final check off and was approved by the committee. It is on order with a 10-11 month turn around.
- c) **OSHA Complaint Follow Up:** OSHA sent a letter to the Fire House but never received it since no one was able to sign for it. They needed to send the letter to the town hall instead. OSHA sent another letter to the Town Hall and the Fire House finally received the letter. OSHA fined the Fire House for going over the deadline for the accountability complaint. There will be an appeal for the fine since it's the first time. There is a short

window to appeal the fine while also solving the accountability complaint. The make up accountability class will be on August 28th.

- d) **Physicals/ Provider Update:** Middlesex is doing the physicals for the fire house members. The Fire Chief is setting up a schedule for when the fire department members go do their physicals.
- e) **Bylaw Change:** The fire house membership is in favor of the change with no opposition. The members are worried that since there was a change to enact the new bylaw, there could be another change to remove the newly enacted bylaw. The board members have their reservations about the change, but they believe the new bylaw will help the fire house membership. *A motion was made by Mr. Hurne, seconded by Mr. Germain, to approve of the bylaw change for the fire department. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

New Business: None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Germain, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk