

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

Annual & Regular Meeting

August 8, 2022

MINUTES

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

Absent: Darius Ledas

Others Present: Fire Chief Greg Voelker, Marty Swan, JJ Burke, Gerald Cloutier, Devin Crowley, Evan Cloutier, Fire Marshal Rich Klotzbier, Paul Owen, and Kenny Royce

Call to Order: Chairman Salafia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Company #1 firehouse.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of the Minutes

- a. **July 11, 2022:** *A motion was made by Mr. Germain, seconded by Mr. Visintainer, to approve the July 11th, 2022 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: Jim Burke, 13 Barton Hill Road, with fellow Fire Department member Gerald Cloutier brought Evan Cloutier and Devin Crowley to the meeting to present to the members about the ITTSF fire training they attended. This is a fire academy program to help the junior members gain more fire-fighting experience beyond what their headquarters can teach them. The opportunity helps the young members grow and learn during their exercises and lessons. The program also helps to foster and develop friendship, teamwork skills, and leadership skills. It is a 6 day in-resident program and only offered once a year. Mr. Burke stated that it would be beneficial to the department and membership to send one or two other junior members to next year's program.

Nomination and Election of Chair: *A motion was made by Mr. Hurne, seconded by Mr. Germain, to nominate Mr. Salafia as Chair. Voted 3-0-1 in favor with Mr. Salafia abstaining.*

Nomination and Election of Secretary: *A motion was made by Mr. Salafia, seconded by Mr. Hurne, to nominate Mr. Germain as Secretary. Voted 3-0-1 in favor with Mr. Germain abstaining.*

Approval of bills/budget report: The Fire Chief wants to purchase 6 sets of gear at \$9,734.16 out of the capital budget and coats at \$11,510.28 out of the coats and gear capital account. There was a price increase for the gear since the last time they needed to be purchased. The gear lasts for 10 years. *A motion was made by Mr. Hurne, seconded by Mr. Germain, to approve the purchase of bunker pants and gear in the amount of \$9,734.16 and to approve the purchase of*

coats in the amount of \$11,510.28 to be encumbered from the coats and gear capital account. Voted 4-0 in favor.

Fire Marshal Report: See attached.

Fire Chief Report: See attached.

Communications: None.

Unfinished Business

- a. **Dry Hydrants Follow Up:** The Clyde Farm tank is still waiting to be scheduled for an inspection/ investigation with the engineering company.
- b. **Letter to Town Manager Draft:** The draft letter to the Town Manager was emailed to the members to review and suggest any possible changes. No changes or alterations were brought up so the letter will be sent out.

New Business

- a. **Any other new business:** The new fire boat is ready but the motor is not ready. The boat should be delivered by October as one whole piece. The members discussed having the old boat and trailer taken off as assets for the Fire Department. The members just need to sign off that the boat and trailer are not needed. *A motion was made by Mr. Hurne, seconded by Mr. Visintainer, to take the old boat and trailer off as assets and go through the proper process. Voted 4-0 in favor.*
The members also discussed the topic of the educational trailer that is parked in the parking lot. The membership wants to part ways with the trailer since it's become hard to gain people's interest in utilizing it.

Executive Session Pursuant to CGS 1-200(6)(A): *A motion was made by Mr. Hurne, seconded by Mr. Visintainer, to go into executive session at 7:22 P.M. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Adjournment: *A motion was by Mr. Hurne, seconded by Mr. Visintainer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk

Administrative Assistant