

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

February 13, 2023

“MINUTES”

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

Others Present: Fire Chief Robert Rainville, Marty Swan, JJ Burke, and Ken Royce

Call to Order: Chairman Salafia called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at Company #1 firehouse.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to accept January 9, 2023 minutes by Commissioner Ledas; Seconded by Commissioner Visintainer. Voted: Unanimous approval

Public Remarks: Chief brought issue of 2021 outstanding bill for demolition post fire to attention of commission. Motion by Commissioner Hurne to pay outstanding \$7000; Seconded by Commissioner Germain. Voted: Approved Unanimous

Approval of bills/budget report: Request for accountability system. Motion to approve \$5000 from capital made by chair; seconded by Commissioner Ledas. Voted: Approved Unanimous

Motion made by Commissioner Hurne to approve the purchase of 2 sets of irons from 5658 \$2000; Seconded Commissioner Ledas. Voted: Approved Unanimous

Motion made by Commissioner Hurne to approve \$1200 from 5623 for purchase of single use gas meters; Seconded by Commissioner Germain. Voted: Approved Unanimous

Motion made by Commissioner Hurne to approve \$1800 from 5430 to paint interior of Company 3. Seconded by Commissioner Visintainer. Brief discussion of contractor. Voted: Approved Unanimous

Fire Marshal Report: Highlights read into meeting by the Chair. See attached.

Fire Chief Report: See attached.

Communications: ACG Associates has merged with PRCA. Chairman will reach out to get details on account executive assigned.

Unfinished Business:

- a) **Dry Hydrant Update:** There is no update for this item.
- b) **Award/Stipend:** The final tally was presented. Brief discussion about record keeping. Motion by Commissioner Germain to approve lists. Second by Commissioner Ledas. Voted: Approved Unanimous. Chairman will submit to town and ACG Associates
- c) **Fire Boat:** Chief indicates waiting on delivery. Pump is outstanding issue
- d) **Budget:** Chief attended capital meeting. March 23 meeting for operating budget

New Business

- a) A discussion was had about increasing the stipend request. This request was put forth in our operating budget request. A motion was made by Commissioner Hurne to increase stipend to \$2500 plus a 3% annual Cost of Living adjustment tied to the consumer price index; whichever is greater. Seconded by Commissioner Visintainer. Voted Unanimous Approval. Chairman to forward to Town Manager for further discussion by town council.
- b) Town Council appointed a building committee to study future FD sites. Past Chief Voelker is a member. This item will be a standing agenda item, seeking input regularly from that committee.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Germain, seconded by Mr. Ledas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 P.M. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Brett J. Salafia

BOFC Chairman