

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

July 10, 2023

“MINUTES”

Present: Phil Visintainer, Darin Hurne, Eric Germain, and William Abbott.

Absent: Darius Ledas.

Others Present: Fire Chief Robert Rainville, Marty Swan, Fire Marshal Rich Klotzbier, Kenny Royce, and Chris Lundquist.

Call to Order: Board Member Hurne called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at Company #1 firehouse.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Welcome New Member- William Abbott: Welcome new member William Abbott. Mr. Abbott introduced himself to the commission members.

Approval of the Minutes

- a. **June 12, 2023:** *A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Germain, to approve of the June 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: Mr. Visintainer wanted to express his appreciation and thanks to the membership during Old Homes Day. Ten other towns attended the event. There was a lot of support for the event.

Approval of Bills/Budget Report: The stand pipes need to be painted. It would cost \$3,000 and would be taken out of the capital account for the dry hydrants. *A motion was made by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Germain, to approve of the painting the stand pipes not to exceed \$3,000. Voted 4-0 in favor.* The fire department is looking to purchase a Lucas Device for \$18,000 using ARPA funds. *A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Germain, to approve of the purchase of the Lucas Device not to exceed \$18,000 using ARPA funds. 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 Company came out and made some repairs on the Hyde Farm hydrant tank. The leak is still present. The tank was filled with water after the repair

was made. The next day the tank was empty. The hole and seals inside the tank were fixed. There were two options for the tank. One option would be to dig up the tank and make an access hole on top of the tank. The access hole could help for future repairs as well. Another option would be to move the storm drain and connect it to the tanks. Within a month, Steve Motto will be adding a pipe to the Edgewater property dry hydrant.

- b. Walnut Ave Water Source Problem:** Waiting for the concrete contractor to get repairs done and contact the Fire Chief.
- c. FEMA Grant:** Once the grant application is submitted, it can't be edited or resubmitted. There are periodic updates from FEMA on the progress of the grants.
- d. Update from New Firehouse Search Committee:** There has only been one meeting held for the committee. There was a request for a list of all town properties that would be suitable for the new fire house. The committee hasn't received a list from the town. The members discussed drafting a letter to the Town Manager about the list of properties and inquiring about the committee's meetings. There was some discussion about the possibility of 13 Summit being a potential location for the new Fire House.

New Business

- a. Any other new business:** The members discussed the raise to the awards stipend for the fire membership. The stipend was voted to be increased to \$3,000 during the February 13th meeting. The stipend was taken out of the budget since it wouldn't be 'active' for the right fiscal year. The stipend hasn't been on the Town Council's agenda. It was suggested to look into the progress of the stipend.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Germain, seconded by Mr. Visintainer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk