

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

September 11, 2023

“MINUTES”

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

Absent: Darius Ledas.

Others Present: Fire Chief Robert Rainville, Marty Swan, JJ Burke, Kenny Royce, Scott Howell, and Greg Voelker.

Call to Order: Chairman Hurne called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at Company #1 firehouse. The members held a moment of silence for the fallen firefighter David Romanchik.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes

- a. **August 14, 2023:** *A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Abbott, to approve of the August 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Public Remarks: Three junior members presented to the members and attendees on their time at the Fire Academy. Aaron DiPalma, Ethan Wysor, and Devin Crowley prepared a slideshow for their presentation. Both juniors spent six days at the Fire Academy. They trained for basics like throwing ladders and running hoses, while in the evening they attended classes. Thirty-one student are admitted for each training session. The training is staffed by professional fire instructors. Devin Crowley presented on his time at the class 2 advanced fire learning session. He was able to learn more advanced fire training and practices within the classes.

Approval of Bills/Budget Report: None

Fire Marshal Report: See attached.

Fire Chief Report: See attached.

Communications: None

Unfinished Business

- a. **Dry Hydrants Follow Up:** Mr. Swan spoke with CoreTech about opening the tank to investigate where the leak is happening. They stated that they won't open the tank. The company only investigates and inspects the tanks. The fire department will have to find an option two for locating the leak in the tank. It was suggested to talk to the town about possibly opening the tank themselves to investigate the leak. Another suggestion was to

close off the second tank and only use the first tank. Mr. Swan could contact CoreTech to see what their thoughts would be on the two options. Steve Motto installed a six inch pipe in the retention pond on the Edgemere property. The water should settle first before testing the pipe.

- b. Walnut Ave Water Source Problem:** The Fire Department is still waiting for Public Works for the concrete. The wall needs to be repaired first.
- c. Update from New Firehouse Search Committee:** No update.

New Business

- a. Safety Concern Sent to the Town Manager about Air Line Trail:** The Fire Department is waiting for the Town Manager to possibly have the work done. It was suggested to send an email as a reminder.
- b. Any Other New Business:** There was a letter from Hunt Voelker requesting a payout of his awards program. *A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Germain, to approve of the payout of Mr. Voelker's awards program balance. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Germain, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Voted 4-0 in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk