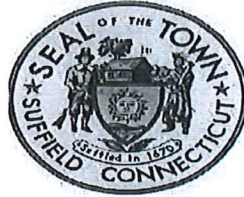


Town of Suffield



Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes

Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting

March 15, 2022-Special Meeting

Commissioner Mathieu called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: V. Mathieu; J. Bucior; J. Caron; P. Yeskey

Others in attendance: Chief Flynn, Margaret Van Cott, Dan Vindigni, Zack Louis.

Absent: P. Christian, E. O'Hurley

Secretary's Report

No report

Minutes & Correspondences:

Change: P. Yeskey stated his name was misspelled on page 1. Correction made.

J. Bucior made a motion to accept the minutes with changes from February 8, 2022.

J. Caron seconded the motion. All in favor. 4-0.

Correspondences:

No correspondence

Financials:

Operational budget- we are at 69.7% of the year. Chief discussed which areas are running high and which are average. Discussed specific stations and who is running high and who is below. Some are right at the 69% and some are lower at 60%.

Electrical, propane and natural gas are all high.

V. Mathieu made a suggestion to the Chief, he went into station 4 and the heat was at 78-way too high. V. Mathieu suggested getting an electric thermostat, which would send an alarm to the chief when it is raised too high.

J. Bucior motioned to accept the financials. J. Caron seconded the motion. All in favor. 4-0.

Calls and Activities:

43 calls for the month of February

0-Fire

5-Rescue

4-Hazardous

2-Service

21-Good Intent

10-False

1-undetermined

Chief stated that Zack will go over all the calls in more detail.

Discussed what a "good intent" call was.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

1st Responder-Ambulance chief has made contact with everyone and will get sign off hopefully next week. All equipment has been ordered. Contracts are in place. Working on a dispatch contract.

Met with Tolland County who will direct all our calls. 911 calls for police will stay here, but fire and EMS would go to Tolland. Not a concern as many other towns use Tolland as a head quarter. East Granby uses Tolland as well.

Question at the Board of Finance Meeting why our budget was different than police. Chief explained that they have other "areas" they can pull from, we only have one area to pull from. V. Mathieu asked that the chief write all of this up into a document to be able to present to the Board.

New Business:

No new business.

Fire Marshal's Report:

43 calls as listed above.

Zack stated 7 motor vehicle accidents; 10 false alarms; 17 burn permits. Slower month but notable calls. Gas leaks around town; nothing major-some propane tanks had leaks.

Responded to a call about a baby deer that was stuck on ice in the CT River. Enfield ended up going out into the water, scared it and it ran to land and was safe.

Inspections around town. Follow-up with apartments-everything has been corrected.

Discussed the few plan reviews around town. All are moving along nicely.

Public-Juvenile review board-discussed his punishment and writing an essay.

Training for career staff.

Chief's Report:

Discussion of the Chief's report:

Vehicles: Trucks are all in good shape. Tank 4-having some work done.
Facilities: All good
Equipment: All good—PPE-1/2 delivered last week, next ½ delivered this week.
Personnel: All healthy
Other: Meeting with EMS and Colin

1 new recruit-moved into town-currently a firefighter in Windsor Locks.

Deputy Chief's Report:

Training:

January 17, 2022-Department Wide-Blood borne pathogens & drugs-led by Suffield Ambulance -meeting was via Zoom-26 members attended.

January 24, 2022-Department Wide-Mental Health and First Responders-led by Suffield Ambulance -meeting was via Zoom-25 members attended.

January 26, 2022-Officers drill-attended by 9 officers

January 31, 2022-Department wide-hands on equipment review; review of fires; Air Packs-12 members and 3 cadets

Feb 15, 2022-Officers and Administration drill-Chief Flynn

February 16, 2022-Sunrise Park night time ice rescue-attended by 16 FD and 9 SVAA members.

February 21, 2022-situational awareness training led by Captain Shelanskas attended by 13 members.

February 28, 2022-Ropes and knots—attended by 13 members.

March 14, 2022-SCBA-Search and Rescue-14 Present.

Training for March and April were discussed.

Chairperson's Report:

No report.

J. Bucior made the motion to adjourn at 7:24 pm; J. Caron seconded the motion. All in favor. 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Vic Mathieu
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott
Recording Secretary