

Town of Suffield



Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Fire Commission Meeting

May 24, 2022

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

Attendance: P. Christian; E. O'Hurley; V. Mathieu; J. Caron; J. Bucior; P. Yeskey

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report

No report

Minutes & Correspondences:

April 24, 2022 approval of minutes; Table the March 15, 2022 meeting minutes to the June meeting. Motion made by V. Mathieu and seconded by J. Bucior. All in favor. 6-0.

Financials:

All stations are running fine. The issues are heat; oil; diesel; electricity. We have roughly 30k left for the year. This amount of money does not include payroll or benefits.

V. Mathieu motioned to approve the financials. E. O'Hurley seconded the motion. All in favor 6-0.

Correspondences:

No correspondence

Calls and Activities:

84 calls for the month of April. Zack will update in his section.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

1st Responder Application-met with the First Selectman and the other 2 chiefs on May 10, 2022. He has all the paperwork that he needs at this time. He needs to go through everything and will hopefully approve it.

New Business:

Fire Marshal and Captain update-meeting taking place tonight and will follow-up. Waiting on Board of Selectman to vote which will happen in the June meeting.

Fire Marshal's Report:

97 calls in April-

8-Motor vehicle accidents
41-Burn Permits
18-False Alarm
2-Water Issues

Discussion of a shed fire. Location and how the fire was dealt with. Police were a help.
Dryer fire on Main street-electrical fire-not a structural fire
Lost person-located and found

Inspections-discussed the process and what needs to be done to the new businesses in town.

Discussion of police helping the fire department-it is not safe as they are not in the correct gear. We need better staffing for the fire department.

Discussed the fire extinguishers in the Webster Bank building-they are expired and need to be replaced.

Chief's Report:

Discussion of the Chief's report:

Vehicles: Trucks are all in good shape.
Facilities: All stations are operational
Equipment: All good—PPE-has been cleaned as required; waiting on delivery for PPE.
Personnel: All healthy-call volume is normal.
Other: Received word on the Zak grant reward-thanks to LT Gauthier.
Meeting with Selectman Moll to discuss responder application.
Met with Selectman Moll to discuss positions of Captain and Fire Marshal.
Attended training on education on pipeline security and train derailment.

Deputy Chief's Report:

Training:

April 18-Sunrise Park lost person-used a mannequin to help train-32 participants
April 19-Officers admin drill—cancelled due to actual calls on town
April 25-Vehcile stabilization equipment-16 participants
April 27-Admin Drill-6 members attended

Training coming up—

May 9 and 14--Large animal rescue class-used the Suffield high School Vo-Ag Center
May 15-Company 3 Drill

May 16-Vehicle extrication-cancelled due to weather

May 17-Officers drill-6 participants

May 23-Joint drill

Chairperson's Report:

No report.

J. Bucior made the motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm; V. Mathieu seconded the motion. All in favor. 6-0.

Started Executive Session---7:53pm

Came out of Executive Session at 8:47pm

V. Mathieu moved to end executive session and E. O'Hurley seconded the motion at 8:52.

Respectfully submitted,
Vic Mathieu
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott
Recording Secretary