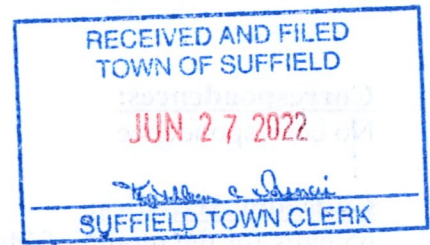


Town of Suffield



Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Fire Commission Meeting

June 7, 2022

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: J. Caron

Pledge of Allegiance

P. Christian stated this is a special meeting with a special agenda. He made an error in calling the meeting on June 7, 2022.

Secretary's Report

No report

Minutes & Correspondences:

Minutes from March 15, 2022-Motion made by J. Bucior and seconded by V. Mathieu.

Abstaining are P. Christian and E. O'Hurley. All in favor, 3-0.

Minutes from May 24, 2022-Motion made by V. Mathieu and seconded by J. Bucior. All in favor, 5-0.

Financials:

Chief did a breakdown-all agreed much easier to read. He will do this from now on. 2 pay periods left-53 pay periods this year. We should be all set for the year, maybe a surplus in the payroll and benefits. Will not be negative in payroll.

Stations-roughly \$2k in the hole. Break down of station budgets:

Station 1-\$-1584

Station 2-\$-2177

Station 3-\$-389

Station 4-\$2155

Total \$-1995

Motion from V. Mathieu, seconded from E. O’Hurley. All in favor. 5-0.

Correspondences:

No correspondence

Calls and Activities:

65 calls for the month of May. Zack will update in his section.

Discussion of the shed fire in the month of April-volunteers were there besides the paid firefighters.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

1st Responder Application and Fire Marshal and Captain positions -both applications are still with the First Selectman. Chief has not spoken to First Selectman about the positions and the application for the 1st responder. First Selectman stated he wanted to talk to the union. Salary rates were listed wrong and some other issues that HR has to correct.

The applications have been with the First Selectman for over 21 days.

New Business:

E. O’Hurley-Board of Finance meeting-had a question regarding agenda item-that item was never discussed in May as that was a “special meeting”.

Discussion of the number of firefighters. Discussed in Board of Finance meeting that “stated in previous meeting minutes no reason to hire anymore firefighters and other fire department members stated there was no reason to promote” need to pull previous meetings to look at the exact wording.

Discussion on budget and what is needed in the fire department for firefighters. We are down 1 firefighter-the “5 day a week guy”. He needs to be replaced.

P. Christian-mediation is done. They are now supposed to vote on the agreement. They are waiting for the changes to be made and then they can vote on the agreement.

Fire Marshal’s Report:

65 calls: 8 motor vehicle accidents.

9-Fire

7-Rescue

6-Hazardous

10-Service calls

21-Good Intent Calls

9-False Alarm

3-Undetermined

Discussion of events in town where fire department attended. PMC Ride; “Ride to School”; Town Fair with fireworks. Apartment cleaning.

Plan reviews for dorm bathroom at the academy.
Dugouts at softball field at the academy
Back stairs at VFW
Players Club-checked on stage.
Inspections around town.

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
Personnel: All healthy-call volume is normal.
Other: Received word on the Zak grant reward-training Pump, Aerial and Core Rescue.
Worked on SOP for Career Call back-checked with Enfield-they don't have one.

Vacation-2 weeks-June 20th to July 5th.

Deputy Chief's Report:

Training coming up—

June 13-Rural water supply and tanker shuttle
June 20-Utilities and meters
June 27-LifeStar helicopter operations.
July 25-Low angle rope rescue
August 8-HazMat Refresher
August 22-Company drills 1&4 and 2&3

Longmeadow, MA Fire Department-Eversource-training on emergency gas leaks.

Discussion of other departments and their make-ups. How many firefighters are in each department, etc.

June 17-19th—Fireworks on the 17th. Chief will not be in attendance-daughter graduating from high school. All mutual aid departments are on notice.

V. Mathieu-National Night Out-set up Engine 2 with a line to spray the water-hit a bullet. Photographers will be in attendance; raised over 5K. Peter Leclerc will have 3 or 4 things to do while parents can walk around. Need to get the elderly in attendance-Vic will bus the elderly to and back. They are excited to be in attendance. Great event to have in Suffield. Lester Smith will be in attendance to make sure photos are taken and put into the Suffield Observer.

Chairperson's Report:

No report.

J. Bucior made the motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm; V. Mathieu seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Vic Mathieu
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott
Recording Secretary