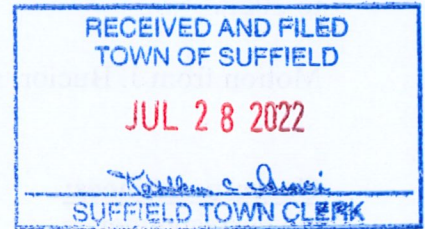


Town of Suffield



**Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes**  
Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting

July 12, 2022

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

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

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

Absent: P. Yeskey and Z. Louis

Pledge of Allegiance

P. Christian stated we need to amend the agenda. J. Bucior motioned to have the agenda amended; E. O'Hurley seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0.

Need to add in Fire Marshal and Captain positions to the "New Business" portion of the agenda. All in favor. 5-0.

**Secretary's Report**

No report

**Minutes & Correspondences:**

Minutes from June 7, 2022-Dan Vindigni state the minutes need to be changed on page 3 to remove the wording "Longmeadow, MA Fire Department" and add in "Eversource training on emergency gas leaks" Motion made by J. Bucior and seconded by V. Mathieu. Abstaining is J. Caron. All in favor, 4-0-1.

**Financials:**

Surplus on payroll at the end of the year. \$20k left over. There is a surplus because there is no captain in place.

Stations-

West Suffield Station-\$14,360  
Mountain Road Station-\$7,077  
East Street Station-\$8,175  
Main Street Station -\$22,350

Propane, Electric and Natural Gas all went up.

Discussion of a raise for the recording secretary, M. Van Cott-The new pay will be retor back to 2022.

Motion from J. Bucior, seconded from V. Mathieu. All in favor. 5-0.

**Correspondences:**

No correspondence

**Calls and Activities:**

67 calls for the month of June. More updates to follow.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Old Business:**

1<sup>st</sup> Responder Application-Chief met with the First Selectmen last Friday. Union has not signed off on the “TA” they are negotiations about the pay steps. Still waiting to hear-nothing much has happened since the last meeting.

There was a discussion about the town having to to money into the position. It was stated again that there will be no money that will have to be added into the job for the first year.

By the end of July, they are hoping to have this whole process wrapped up. First Selectman wants to do a MOU—committee is not sure why that needs to be done.

**New Business:**

Discussion on the Captain’s vehicle and why it is being used for personal use. It was stated that it was seen in Simsbury on personal business.

Vehicle should always remain in town -only to be used for work and not personal use. The captain is the only one to use the “Captain’s Vehicle” and not the Fire Marshal.

Chief will discuss the use of the “Captain’s vehicle” with the acting fire marshal.

**Fire Marshal’s Report:**

67 calls:

- 1-Motor Vehicle
- 7-Fire
- 8-Rescue
- 4-Hazardous
- 9-Service calls
- 25-Good Intent Calls
- 11-False Alarm
- 2-Undetermined

Received a call for mutual aid to Thompsonville at 3m to cover the station.  
Task Force-Avon Fire-Residential Fire-3/4 hours on a Friday afternoon.

## **Chief's Report:**

Discussion of the Chief's report:

Vehicles: Trucks are all in good shape. Ladder door repaired and in service.  
Facilities: All stations are operational  
Equipment: All good—PPE-has been cleaned-up 15% in demand-4 to 6 months to get the equipment.  
Personnel: All healthy-call volume is normal.  
Other: Discussion of the prescription glasses; Greenwood-operational and working-3 new truck inspections.

Discussion of an accident that happened with a fire truck -door opened up and hit the side of the building. Driver did not know the door had swung open. Damage was done but getting repaired.

Discussion of the great job the Chief did with the family from Granby-Chief lent out our ladder truck to hold the American flag. Dad has suddenly passed away in his sleep. Chief prepared and had his men and trucks there to help out. Thank you Chief.

First Selectman arrived to the meeting at 7:32pm during the training report.

## **Deputy Chief's Report:**

Training coming up—

June 13-Rural water supply and tanker shuttle-29 Personnel attended the training.  
June 20-Utilities and meters-8 members attended.  
June 27-LifeStar helicopter operations-35 personnel attended.

The rest of the training may or may not happen at this is the time for the firefighters to be with their families.

July 25-Low angle rope rescue  
August 8-HazMat Refresher  
August 22-Company drills 1&4 and 2&3

August or September-walk through at Windsor Locks canal trail

Discussion on "Neighborhood Security". Fire, Ambulance and Police visit neighborhoods in Suffield and discuss security questions and concerns. Very successful.

V. Mathieu-National Night Out-August 2, 2022-4pm to 8pm at Suffield High School. 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.

Question asked to First Selectman regarding the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) why is it needed? Colin Moll stated that he is trying to hear the union out. Once all negotiations are done, he will sign the application and would like to see it moved forward quickly.

**Chairperson's Report:**

No report.

J. Caron made a motion at 7:45pm to move into Executive Session asking the Chief and the First Selectman to join. J. Bucior seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0.

Executive Session started at 7:46. Came out of Executive session at 8:02pm. No action taken.

Motion to adjourn was made by J. Caron moved and V. Mathieu seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0

Respectfully submitted,  
Vic Mathieu  
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott  
Recording Secretary