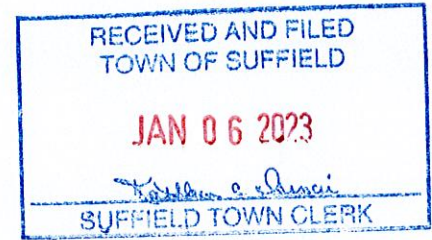


**Town of Suffield**



**Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes**

**Minutes of the Special Meeting for the Fire Commission**

December 20, 2022

Commissioner Mathieu called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm

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

Others in attendance: Margaret Van Cott, Dan Vindigni; First Selectman; public in attendance.

Absent: P. Christian; J. Bucior; Chief Flynn (resigned)

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to Order:**

**Correspondences:**

No correspondence

**Calls and Activities from December 17, 2022 to December 20, 2022:**

Report from Interim Lt. Gauthier:

12/17-3 calls (Smoke detector; 2-False Alarms)

12/18-1 call (Hazmat)

12/19-1 call (Furnace fire)

12/20-2 calls (Fire Alarm-odor from glue in bathroom)

**Public Comment:**

D. Vindigni-supports the interim Lt. Gauthier in the position until a permanent chief can be found.

T. McCabe- (Lieutenant) Would like more clarity in what is happening at the fire department. Many rumors are going around and his department would like to know what is happening.

D. Gordin-would like the commission to consider not going into executive session and to keep it open to the public so all can hear what is being discussed and what might happen.

L. Cannon-(Captain)-stated how important it is to have a Captain in place and have control over the stations. We can't lose anymore volunteers and with all the changes, people feel uncertain and they will leave.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Already discussed calls above.

Discussion about entering into Executive Session-First Selectman stated that since this is a "Special Meeting" we can't change the agenda and therefore we have to enter into Executive Session.

V. Mathieu made a motion at 6:00 p.m.to enter executive session. J. Caron seconded the motion. All in favor. 4-0.

**Executive Session:** Started at 6:15pm with P. Christian in attendance as well as V. Mathieu; E. O'Hurley; P. Yeskey; J. Caron, M. Van Cott, First Selectman and J. Bucior on the phone.

Action Items:

1. Motion to have Lt. Gauthier to fulfill the administrative duties of the department, ie payroll, time off requests, scheduling, etc. working with the First Selectman.
2. Schedule a Special meeting on Jan 3, inviting the officers of the Dept. to develop a schedule for a duty officer schedule.
3. In the interim, have the Dept. follow the SOG/SOPs in place for chain of command at emergencies.

J. Caron motioned for the above to be approved. V. Mathieu seconded the motion to have the 3 listed items above approved. All in favor. 6-0.

Adjournment at 7:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Vic Mathieu  
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott  
Recording Secretary