

## Town of Suffield



### **Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting for the Fire Commission

May 9, 2023

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

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

Others in attendance: LT Brian Gauthier, the New Chief, Scott Cunningham, 6 people from the firehouses and M. Van Cott.

Pledge of Allegiance

P. Yeskey motioned that he be allowed to discuss the "ISO" topic that was brought up in the last meeting. J. Caron seconded the motion. All in favor. 6-0.

### **Secretary's Report**

No report

### **Minutes & Correspondences:**

All minutes will be approved in the June meeting.

### **Financials:**

LT Brian Gauthier gave the financials-almost same as the month of April. All budgets are on schedule and working fine. Fire Marshal expenses still causing question. Not built back into budget. Hopefully will have a better answer in the June meeting.

J. Caron asked about the training budget -still need to use 8k. B. Gauthier said he is not concerned, he will be able to use it.

P. Christian motioned to accept the financials. V. Mathieu seconded the motion. All in favor. 6-0.

**Correspondences:**

B. Gauthier discussed the invite from East Hartland for their parade and carnival.

**Calls and Activities:**

48 calls in April. Many car accidents/Co2 detectors and chimney fires. No burn permits are being added to that number.

B. Gauthier stated that he is using a new system and will get better familiar with it by the June meeting. He thanked everyone for their patience.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

**Old Business:**

P. Yeskey discussed his research on ISO and how it will be a cost savings for the town and the people in town. There is an economic benefit. Can discuss at next financial meeting.

B. Gauthier added that ISO came last year and evaluated the Town of Suffield and we received a low 5—he easily thinks we can get a 4 which would allow us better economic benefit. The presentation is ready to go with a few minor tweaks.

**New Business:**

Incoming chief's swearing in ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Christian is asking for the board's help in setting up and planning the ceremony. All board members said they would be in attendance and available to help out.

**Chief's Report:**

Discussion of the Chief's report:

Vehicles:     Engine 1-full service  
                  Ladder 1-full service  
                  Rescue 1-full service  
                  Engine 2-full service  
                  UT1/UTV4-full service  
                  Engine 3-full service  
                  Tanker 4-full service  
                  Engine 4-full service  
                  Engine 5-covered Co3-Full service  
                  Car 1-cleaned and deodorized  
                  UT3-full service

New Tanker: Chasse/pump panel mounted  
                  On schedule late April/early May  
                  Would like to schedule a "wet down" of the new vehicles for some time over the summer.

Facilities:     Company 1-painting completed, siren fixed—  
                  Company 2-nothing new  
                  Company 3-Water tanks are filling up quicker than they should be. Will have them looked at.  
                  Company4-all work completed.

Equipment: all equipment is in service

Personnel: 1 vacant-FF  
1 vacant-captain's rank  
1 vacant-Volunteer deputy chief

Applications:

No new applications  
New recruit status-Jack Jamrog-working through FF1 and attending calls and drills  
Change in membership status: none

Training:

FF Maria-Q Endorsements Application  
FF Dubiel-enrolled in Q Endorsement  
FF Caron enrolled in Q Endorsement-Started  
FF Davis enrolled in Q Endorsement  
Recruit FF Jamrog-FF1

Drills:

Electric Vehicle training  
SCBA/Mayday Training  
Brush Fires

Upcoming Training:

- Aerial Strategies and tactics-TBD
- Core Rescue-most weekends in May

Activities:

Captain's posting—5 applicants  
DEEP Prescribed Burn at Babbs Rd-UT1 present  
Health and Wellness Fair-5/23—table reserved.  
Barnes Airshow-5/13; 5/14-sending Engine 2 with a crew both days.  
Honor Flight ceremony-5/6/23  
Mobile Open House dates: July 7<sup>th</sup>-Melrose Lane  
July 18<sup>th</sup>-Broadleaf Circle  
July 26<sup>th</sup>-Tyler Lane  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>-Partridge Meadow  
August 11<sup>th</sup>-Rosewood Drive

Suffield Summer Fair-June 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Will have a table set up and promote the Fire Department.

May 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>—Smoke Trailer for Grade 3—teaches children about fire.

Discussion of helping out and donating a “Ride to school in a Fire Truck” to Walk with Us; Alex Lemonade and PMC.

E. O’Hurley asked if we could get the local paper to come and take pictures at the events and have a write-up about the department. “Chief’s Corner” B. Gauthier will look into it.

**Chairperson's Report:**

Captain position update—currently still accepting applications-will work with new chief to get this moving along. Would like to start interviewing and get someone hired soon.  
Regular meeting ended at 7:38p.m.

V. Mathieu made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm. J. Caron seconded the motion. All in favor. 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vic Mathieu  
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott  
Recording Secretary