

Town of Suffield



Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting for the Fire Commission

April 11, 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

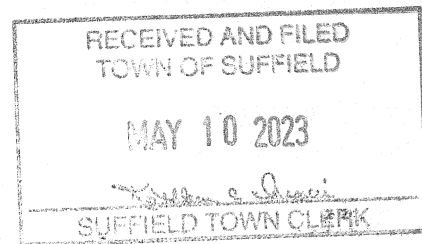
Others in attendance: LT Brian Gauthier and public

Absent: M. Van Cott

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report

No report



Minutes & Correspondences:

J. Caron motioned to accept the January 25, 2023 meeting minutes. J. Bucior abstained from the voting as he was absent from the meeting. All in favor. 5-0-1.

J. Caron made a correction under "old business" Change from "Lou and Levin" to "Lou and Kevin". J. Caron made the motion to accept the minutes with the changes. All in favor. 6-0.

Financials:

LT Brian Gauthier gave the financials-almost same as the month of March. Fire Marshal still dumping bills on us but should be done soon. Everything is still on budget. \$1500 for the budget for "radio" we go over every year on radio maintenance. Radio batteries and pager batteries are not cheap. Ordered a few at the time because we were low on batteries.

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

Correspondences:

Lou spoke at the meeting to discuss the National Fire Academy. He walked the board through a summary of their time in Marchland on March 25th and 26th. Both gentlemen passed the Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction in two 8 hour days. Discussed how the programs would help Suffield.

Calls and Activities:

51 calls in March. 15 burn permits.

House fire-historic district of Suffield-assistance came from Thompsonville; etc.

Discussed different accidents, etc.

Accident on 190 bridge—huge accident-tractor trailer and SUV-burst into flames. Not a lot of personnel that night. Dan was alone; Thompsonville met us on scene. Thank god for Thompsonville. We would not have been able to handle the accident. Accident was on Suffield side.

Discussion of the fact that we are not staffed properly—not enough people to fight a fire properly.

E. O’Hurley asked if any pictures were taken while at a fire scene. It would be nice to add to the local papers.

Public Comment:

No public comment

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

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

Facilities: Company 1-painting completed, siren fixed—
Company 2-nothing new
Company 3-Painting apparatus bay ceiling
Company 4-working on the bathroom

Equipment: all equipment is in service

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

- 4 cadets
- Cadet promotion happened in March at a Dept. Congrats Cadet LT Stanley
- Looking to get into schools to promote the Cadet program
- Working with PD and EMS cadets as well as reaching out to other towns
- Looking to help with projects in the Fire Museum

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
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Chairperson's Report:

4 applications for the Captain's position.

Regular meeting ended at 7:38p.m.

J. Caron made a motion at 7:38 pm to go into Executive Session. V. Mathieu seconded the motion. All in favor. 6-0.

Executive Session started at 7:40pm.

Action: V. Mathieu motioned to move candidates #2 and #3 forward to the First Selectman, Colin Moll. P. Christian seconded the motion. All in favor. 6-0.

Adjournment: J. Caron motioned to adjourn at 7:55pm. V. Mathieu seconded the motion. All in favor. 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Vic Mathieu
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott
Recording Secretary