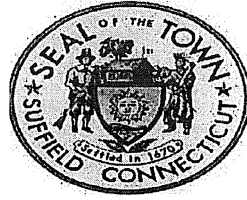


**Town of Suffield**



**Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting for the Fire Commission

July 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 via phone,

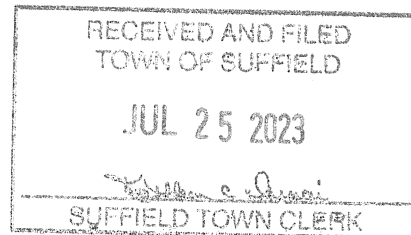
Others in attendance: New Chief, Scott Cunningham; First Selectman Colin Moll; M. Van Cott. 5-6 firefighters.

Absent: J. Caron

Pledge of Allegiance

**Secretary's Report**

No report



**Minutes & Correspondences:**

There are no meeting minutes to approve. The June meeting minutes will be approved at the September 12, 2023 meeting.

P. Christian would like it added to the March 14, 2023 and April 6, 2023 meeting minutes that Colin Moll was in attendance at both meetings.

**Financials:**

Chief went over the budget. The fiscal year ended on 7/1/2023. Came in under budget at 93.8%.

Natural gas; gasoline and Diesel fuel were the only ones that added a little concern as they were higher than average.

Thermostats were the blame for higher prices they were broken in some of the stations. They have now been fixed and should regulate some of the issues with higher prices.

Other utilities are explained to be cable, internet and cox bill. Would like this stated in the financials so everyone knows what "other utilities" are.

V. Mathieu motioned to accept the financials. E. O'Hurley seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0. (J. Caron absent)

**Correspondences:**

No correspondence.

**Calls and Activities:**

49 calls in the month of June. Nothing stood out-routine, normal calls. The issue on Thompsonville Road has quieted down and hopefully will not be called out there again.

Discussion on "false alarms" nothing can be done unless it is a repeat offender, and it would have to be multiple times.

**Public Comment:**

Steve G-Asked about the firefighter's stipends. He heard they are not receiving them. There is a new system at the fire station that does not record when the FF goes out on a call and therefore is not getting his stipend. Discussion was held.

Conclusion-Colin Moll stated that the fire department can buy the necessary equipment needed to track calls and who goes out on the calls.

Also-all personnel are tracked on a piece of paper of who goes to which calls. Everyone should be getting paid, if not, go back through the records and make sure everyone is getting paid.

**Old Business:**

Old Apparatus-New tanker 3-Not in service yet-Needs training-Tanker shuttle drill to be completed in August.

Old tanker-Behind station 1- bid process to be taking place so another station can purchase it and reuse it. We will do the bid process instead of the "trading in " process as it will be more beneficial to Suffield FD.

Captain Position-Director of HR- revisions to the posting-Need to have board approval-Paul to call a special meeting in the next week or so to review and to approve.

First Responder Application-Chief met with Chief Spencer the other day. They had a productive meeting-Chief Cunningham learned the history of the application and the reason it is needed. Discussed training, expenses and equipment needed. At the September meeting-a new proposal; will be shared with a timeline of events; training hours; how training will be conducted; costs now and in the future; equipment needs and standard operating guidelines.

**New Business:**

Discussion of trade in vs. bid process. Already discussed in earlier part of the meeting.

**Chief's Report:**

Discussion of the Chief's report:

**Vehicles:**

New tanker: ready to be trained on

New Fire Engine: arriving late summer or early fall.

**Facilities:** build up of moss on roof of station 1-will be cleaned in the next week.  
Gutters need to be cleaned out as well. Town will do that.

**Equipment:** all equipment is in service

**Personnel:**

1 vacant-captain's rank

1 vacant-Volunteer deputy chief

1 active member resigned-did exit interview-did everything they could to keep him on board.  
The Chief tried to get him to stay. Could not convince him.

**Applications:**

No new applications

**Training:**

A new training report is being put together.

Need guys that want to know how to drive the new apparatus-will do formal training for them.

There will be a formal "Wet down" for the new tanker. Getting ideas from other towns that have completed them before.

**Mobile Open House dates:**

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

**Chairperson's Report:**

Nothing to report

V. Mathieu made a motion to Adjourn at 7:40 p.m. J. Bucior seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0. (J. Caron absent)

Respectfully submitted,  
Vic Mathieu  
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott  
Recording Secretary