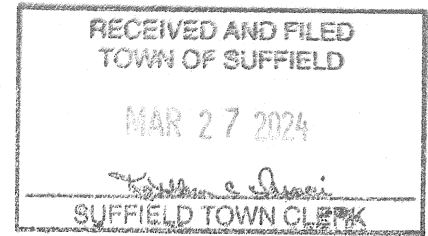
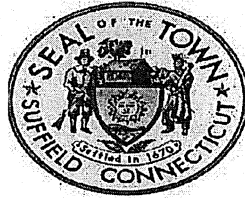


Town of Suffield



Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting for the Fire Commission

March 12, 2024

Commissioner Mathieu called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Attendance: E. O'Hurley; P. Yeskey; V. Mathieu; J. Bucior and N. Prusi.

Absent: P. Christian

Others in attendance: Scott Cunningham; Kathy Harrington, M. Van Cott and a few firefighters.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report

No report

Minutes & Correspondences:

N. Prusi made a motion to accept the minutes from February 20, 2024. J. Bucior seconded the motion. All in favor. E. O'hurley abstained as he did not attend the meeting. 4-0-1.

Chief Cunningham introduced the two newest members of the Fire Department.

Mike Neilson

David Lafreniere

The commission board welcomed them and thanked them for joining.

Financials:

Not much has changed in the last month. A few items will be brought to the attention of the Board of Finance.

Correspondences:

Nothing.

Calls and Activities:

22 calls in February. February 18th-Thompsonville assisted on scene for a brush fire with no permit.

Public Comment:

Luke Cannon-He is following up on a request that was made some time ago to ask the town to provide the insurance policy and limits. The Firefighters would like to know how much insurance they have incase they need to take out supplemental insurance to protect their families.

N. Prusi requested to the chief that it become part of the "on-boarding" package when someone starts. The Chief said he will look into adding the policy and dec page into the welcome packet.

Old Business:

Update on Supplemental First Responder Application-Chief stated the First Selectman had 10 questions, which chief answered. Then he had 5 more, chief answered those. Waiting on the "letter of support" from both the First Selectman and the Police Chief. Once the chief has both letters he will submit the packet.

Update on Budget-Attended the Board of Selectman meeting on February 21st. The board decided to not approve the usage of Tolland County. The Board of Finance also did not approve the use of Tolland County.

The Chief stated that he can go back in 6 months to try again, and he intends to do just that. The use of Tolland County would significantly help the Town of Suffield with 911 calls.

The commission decided to table the discussion of "Draft of the revised rules and regulations" document until the April meeting.

New Business:

Update on discussions with public works director regarding a new public safety complex-

The town hired a firm who sent out a survey to 500 residents regarding a new public safety complex. It was voted down. There will be no new firehouse or public safety complex.

Chief's Report:

Discussion of the Chief's report:

Apparatus Update:

- The new apparatus is still being serviced, driver's seat belt is broken and has a product recall.
- Ladder one is going out of service as it has a leak and needs to be fixed.
- Engine 3-still working on fixing the damages done from accident.

Training:

- Live fire training was conducted last night in the cold and the wind. Give all the firefighters credit for coming out in unfavorable weather. 16 members showed up. Next week there is another training night at the Fire Academy.

Hiring:

- Three applicants are left in the process. The next phase is an interview with the Chief. The Chief will then bring his recommendations to the Commission Board.

Incidents-Commander's Report:

Discussion of the nitrogen leak that occurred on Feb. 22nd on Firestone Drive. The building was evacuated. The leak was found and cleaned up.

Chairperson's Report:

No report

Adjournment:

At 7:22 p.m. N. Prusi made a motion to adjourn. J. Bucior seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Vic Mathieu
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott
Recording Secretary