

Town of Suffield



Board of Fire Commissioners Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting for the Fire Commission

July 9, 2024

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

Attendance: Chairman Christian; E. O’Hurley; J. Bucior; V. Mathieu; and N. Prusi.

P. Yeskey was absent.

Others in attendance: Chief Scott Cunningham; M. Van Cott, Firefighters as well as new members.

Pledge of Allegiance

Silent roll call by M. Van Cott

Secretary's Report

V. Mathieu told the commissioners about “Night Out” at Suffield High School on August 6th. 4pm to 8pm-there will be free food; DJ; vendors, handouts, giveaways; park n Rec offers to watch children and keep them occupied while parents walk around. It is a fun night out.

Minutes & Correspondences:

N. Prusi made the motion to accept the June 11, 2024, minutes. V. Mathieu seconded the motion. All in favor. 4-0. J. Bucior abstained (absent from the June 11, 2024 meeting)

Financials:

Chief Cunningham reported the budget is only 9 days into the new fiscal year. We are “on track”. We ended the year “excellent” overall. No issues.

V. Mathieu motioned to accept the financials as reported. J. Bucior seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0.

Correspondences:

Nothing.

Introduction of new volunteer members:

Chief Cunningham invited Michael Letizio to the meeting as a new member. Michael comes to us having experience in Berlin and South Windsor. He will be reporting to station 4.

Calls and Activities:

44 calls for the month of June. The new chart the chief put together which shows Fridays and Saturdays are the busiest times of the week.

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Update on Fire Commission Rules and Regulations- Updated Rules and Regulations were shared with the Commissioners. All reviewed.

V. Mathieu motioned to accept the new “rules and regulations” and E. O’Hurley seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0.

New Business:

Nothing

Chief’s Report:

Fire Apparatus:

- Fleet is complete. All in service.

Fire Stations:

- Meeting scheduled for 7/11/24 to discuss the plans for Station 1. Discussion some of the details that were mentioned in the letter to the Chief.
- The Chief will invite the planning board to join one of our meetings to discuss the stations in more detail.

Equipment:

- Purchased power saws.

Personnel:

- Nothing

Applications:

- Nothing to report

Training:

- Improved all around. Captain Vincent doing a great job with offering different hours and days for the training to be completed.

*Discussion of the new radio upgrade and the cost. Another meeting will be held on August 9th-3 months after the initial training. Report is due in September-need to outline details of progress or no progress regarding dispatching.

Incidents-Commander's Report:

Nothing to report

*Update on First Responders Report: Chief Cunningham received the letter of support from the First Selectman, and now needs to meet with the Police chief to get his letter of support. Hopefully everything will get submitted soon and by the September meeting we will have an update.

Chairperson's Report:

Nothing to report.

Adjournment:

V. Mathieu made a motion to adjourn at 7:44pm. N. Prusi seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Vic Mathieu
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott
Recording Secretary