

## Town of Suffield



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

Minutes of the Meeting for the Fire Commission

October 8, 2024

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

Attendance: Chairman Christian; E. O’Hurley; J. Bucior; V. Mathieu; and P. Yeskey.

N. Prusi was absent.

Others in attendance: Chief Scott Cunningham; First Selectman; M. Van Cott, Captain Guzie as well as many firefighters and town members.

Pledge of Allegiance

Silent roll call by M. Van Cott

Once we get to the agenda item of “Public Comment” everyone will be limited to 2 minutes.

### **Secretary's Report**

No report

### **Minutes & Correspondences:**

V. Mathieu made the motion to accept the July 9, 2024, August 20, 2024, and Sept 3, 2024, minutes. J. Bucior seconded the motion. All in favor. 4-0-1. P. Yeskey abstained from July 9, 2024, and August 20, 2024, minutes as he was absent from those meetings. 5-0 for the Sept. 3, 2024, minutes.

### **Financials:**

Chief Cunningham reported the budget is on track with no large expenses in sight.

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

### **Correspondences:**

Nothing.

### **Calls and Activities:**

34 calls in July; 42 calls in August and 32 calls in September.

Discussion of the outbound and inbound calls. 5 outbound and 11 inbound. (Outbound calls are when we are called to help other towns. Inbound calls are when we need help and rely on other calls).

### **Public Comment:**

Jeff Minor-61 East Street-Why are full time members leaving?

### **Old Business:**

Nothing

### **New Business:**

Nothing

### **Chief's Report:**

#### Fire Apparatus:

- Squad 1; Ladder and Engine 3 are all going out for maintenance.

#### Fire Stations:

- Station 2 and station 4 are both going to pressure washed.

#### Equipment:

- Nothing.

#### Personnel:

- Nothing

#### Applications:

- Multiple applicants

#### Training:

- 6 training drills will be held in October.

Chairman Christian stated we have a strong volunteer base who are engaged and ready to always help. We need to hire two more part-time firefighters so that there is always more than 1 firefighter on a particular shift.

### **Incident-Commander's Report:**

Captain Guzie discussed the 3 major incidents that occurred on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>-structure fire; Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> small electrical fire and Sept 25<sup>th</sup> the ammonia issue at HOOD.

**Chairperson's Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Adjournment:**

V. Mathieu made a motion to adjourn at 7:31pm. J. Bucior seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vic Mathieu  
Fire Commission Secretary

Margaret G. Van Cott  
Recording Secretary