

BLUE HILLS FIRE DISTRICT
MEETING OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and a moment of silence was observed.

PRESENT: Present at the meeting was Chief Robert Farmer, Chairman Tanya Farmer, Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai, Treasurer Errol Bartley, Training Officer James Davis, Firefighter Elvis Best, Firefighter Vincent Jaunai and District Clerk Valda Thompson

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: District Clerk Valda Thompson read the minutes from last month's meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read with the corrections that Commissioner Jaunai suggested. The motion was not seconded and failed.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Farmer stated that there were 55 calls in the month of February. There were 58.6 manpower hours. Please refer to the Incident Run Log for further details. Chief Farmer stated that the vehicle will be striped as of March 3, 2016 as the Board of Fire Commissioners requested.

Chief Farmer stated that the AFG Grant has made it through the first application and the second phase of the first reading. Chief Farmer will be applying for a 2nd Safer Grant for 2 Personnel. On March 2, 2016 the Fire Prevention Grant was given to FF Jaunai for review, applications will start being accepted on April 5, 2016. Chief Farmer has been communicating with Bill Hogan regarding the State tax issues within the accessor's office. Chief Farmer stated the District is still in a contract with the Comcast phone system until November 2016. It will cost \$2000.00 to buy out of that Contract. The district will suggest this buy out option to Frontier. Blue Hills responded for Mutual Aid to the town of Manchester on a 3 story farm structure fire on South Elm Street, and for a major natural gas leak at Buckland Mall. There was a structure fire at 19A Woodland Avenue, where one civilian sustained 3rd degree burns and one firefighter also injured. A large tree trunk fell during a tropical storm on Daniel Boulevard around 2:00 a.m. Chief Farmer handed out The 2015 Annual Report.

Please refer to the activity log for the month

FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT: NONE.

TRAINING REPORT: Officer Davis stated that 8 members participated in a Saturday drill for a roof top operation. On March 26, 2016 Blue Hills will host a written command class. Lt. Davis suggested that The

C-Pat test will test members' physical ability and is a certification towards career achievement. He asked that the District provide an incentive for participation in The C-Pat certification process.

A motion was made to reimburse the firefighters for the C-Pat class in the amount \$200 upon passing the class. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Errol Bartley gave a report of the District's current finances.

HOUSE CAPTAIN'S REPORT: NONE

SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT: NONE

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT: Blue Hills and Bloomfield Center have been invited to the Apostolic Church on April, 10, 2016 for The Firefighter's Sunday Award Fire Ceremony. On March 10, 2016 there will be a PTO Meeting here at headquarters with the Brown Street Magnet School at 6:00 p.m. The Education Fun Day will be May 7, 2016. The Coat Drive on February 15, 2016 was successful and hopefully will continue. Celebrate Bloomfield will be held week June 1st – 5th. BHFD will participate.

DEPARTMENT CONCERNS/GOODS AND WELFARE: The Annual Meeting will be scheduled for late April or early May. A notice needs to be published at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Chairman Farmer stated that the Collective Bargaining agreement has been signed and is all up to date.

CITIZEN'S STATEMENT AND COMMENTS: NONE

PAYMENT OF INVOICES AND VOUCHERS: A motion was made to pay all invoices and vouchers. The motion was seconded and carried.

EXECUTIVE DISCUSSION: A motion was made to go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Executive Session ended at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting 8:45 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 6, 2016