

## BLUE HILLS FIRE DISTRICT

### MEETING OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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, Chairman Tanya Farmer, Commissioner Jerry Hughes, Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai, Chief Robert Farmer, Treasurer Errol Bartley, Firefighter Vincent Jaunai, Jacqueline Massey Greene, Beverly J. Callis, Firefighter Mike Wade, Firefighter Bennie Billie, Jerry Bilbo, Jazzmin Sheff 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. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Farmer stated that there were 40 calls in the month of November. There were 30.4 manpower hours. Chief Farmer stated that on November 5, 2016 the District provided mutual aid to the Town of Manchester and South Windsor. The District spent 3 hours between both towns. The District covered mutual aid for the Town of Suffield for 2 ½ hours. On November 19, 2016 there was a small kitchen fire at 1262 Blue Hills Avenue. A fire extended from a pan on the stove into the microwave. The house was filled with a large amount of smoke, with minimal damage.

The AFG Grant was submitted on time. The application was accepted through homeland security and the District has an application number. Chief Riley of Bloomfield Center and Chief Farmer have a meeting coming up with the Radio Consultants about a proposal. The replacement of all 2-way communication is very costly. The Town suggests the District use a 700 – 800 radio system. Chief Farmer does not agree and will express his concerns to the radio consultants. Assistant Chief Roy Rickis last day will be December 30, 2016.

Please refer to incident run log.

**FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT:** Not in attendance

**TRAINING REPORT:** Chief Farmer reported on behalf of Training Officer Davis that the firefighters are waiting for the results from the exams after taking the Pump Operator Course.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Bartley stated the District's finances are in good standing. All the insurances have been paid upfront. Points have been paid to the volunteers.

**HOUSE CAPTAIN'S REPORT:** Not in attendance

**SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT:** Chief Farmer stated that Safety Officer Serignese had surgery.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT:** Firefighter Jaunai stated on November 12, 2016, The District was invited to Hope Seventh Day Adventist Church for Firefighter's Appreciation Day. The department was presented with a clock plaque. In attendance for the 2 hour service was FF Vincent Jaunai, FF Nordet Reid and FF Kevin Harrell.

**DEPARTMENT CONCERNS/GOODS AND WELFARE:** Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that the building looks beautiful with the Christmas lights. Commissioner Jaunai thanked Assistant Chief Rickis, Lieutenant Davis, Fire Marshall Nelson, firefighter Best and firefighter Jaunai for making the building look beautiful. Commissioner Jaunai stated that the minutes are currently posted on the website. A motion was made give a gift card, in the amount of \$50.00 to all department members. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

**CITIZEN'S STATEMENT AND COMMENTS:** Jacqueline Massey-Greene asked Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai when the minutes went onto the website. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai replied as of today 12/7/16. Jacqueline Massey- Green made a proposal that the firefighter receive \$75.00 gift cards. The Board thanked her for her suggestion.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 4, 2017