

BLUE HILLS FIRE DISTRICT

MEETING OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017

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 Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai, Chief Robert Farmer, Commissioner Jerry Hughes, Treasurer Errol Bartley, Firefighter Vincent Jaunai, Fire Marshall William Lewis, Firefighter Adrian Clarke, Anne Wall, Barbara Bagnall, Jerry Bilbo, Beverly J. Callis, Jacqueline Massey Greene, Essie Tate, Marcus Stone, Len Besthoff and District Clerk Valda Thompson.

READING OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES: District Clerk Valda Thompson read the minutes from last month's meeting. Commissioner Jaunai asked for changes to the minutes regarding what was said about bylaws. A motion was made to accept the minutes with necessary changes.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Farmer stated that there were 33 calls in the month of February. There were 28.8 manpower hours. Chief Farmer stated that the District used a total of 248 firefighters for the 35 calls. Which average out to be 7.6 firefighters per call. There was a small brush fire at 1132 Blue Hills Avenue. There was a serious MVA at 1302 Blue Hills Avenue. No word on the AFG Equipment Grant and no word on the AFG Safer Grant. Chief Farmer received the Grand List from the Town. Chief Farmer passed out two proposals for the budget for the Board to review. Chief Farmer will keep the District posted regarding the radio system infrastructure. The Town Council Public Safety Meeting is the second Monday of March.

Please refer to incident run log.

FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT: Fire Marshall Lewis reported on his actions for the month. Please refer to the monthly report.

TRAINING REPORT: Chief Farmer stated that on March 13, 2017 CNG will be coming in to do the yearly in-service training. There will be 3 firefighter going to the Q2 class in April.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bartley stated the District's finances are right on track.

HOUSE CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Chief Farmer reported on behalf of House Captain Nelson that the speaker system and the amplifier equipment has been installed by Captain Nelson and Terry Wright.

SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT: Chief Farmer stated that the Safety Committee met last week. Their primary focus was the radio issue, radio transmission and putting together procedures for Maydays.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT: Firefighter Jaunai stated the District is invited to a Food Drive Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Stop and Shop Supermarket along with the Bloomfield Police Department. The 4th Annual Educational Fun Day is approaching on May 13, 2017. Firefighter Jaunai will meet with his committee May 2, 2017 regarding the Educational Fun Day plans. Last year's vendors will be attending this year. The District received approval from The Bloomfield Police Department.

DEPARTMENT CONCERNS/GOODS AND WELFARE: Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that a page has been created on the website called citizens. There is a tab where citizens will be able to fill in their name, email address, street address and questions and concerns will be submitted to the Board. Commissioner Jaunai stated that questions, concerns or requests for agenda items must be submitted at least a week before the Commissioner's Meeting.

CITIZEN'S STATEMENT AND COMMENTS: Anne Wall's recollections of what was stated about the status of the Bylaws was that they would be ready in March. Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai stated that she said that they may be available in March 2017, but that she was not able to gather all the Commissioners to agree on a date to discuss the ByLaws by March. Barbara Bagnall voiced her concern about people that are not computer savvy. Commissioner Jaunai stated that the people could call in a question, concern or statement to the District Clerk. Chairman Farmer stated the people can come in person and fill out a form here at 1021 Blue Hills Avenue. Barbara Bagnall wanted to know if The District will still use the board for upcoming meeting. Chairman Farmer answered The District has been doing so. Jerry Bilbo suggested that a committee of the tax payers set the ByLaws. Jerry Bilbo and Barbara Bagnall had a brief discussion back and forth regarding the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bilbo stated that Barbara should have been a stepping stone for the Commissioners here. Barbara stated that the Commissioners here have their own agendas. Jacqueline Massey Greene stated that this ignorance has to stop, just go to the website and voice your opinion. Barbara Bagnall commented that the budget is approaching soon and wanted a copy of the draft budget. Chairman Farmer stated that the budget will be available for any citizen at the Annual Meeting.

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 7:37 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 5, 2017