

**BLUE HILLS FIRE DISTRICT
MEETING OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
LOCATION: 1021 BLUE HILLS AVENUE
BLOOMFIELD, CT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018
@ 7:00 PM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:04 p.m. and a moment of silence was observed.

PRESENT: Present at the meeting was Chair Ariel Marzouca Jaunai, Vice Chair Jacqueline Massey Greene, Commissioner Tanya Farmer, Chief Robert Farmer, Fire Marshal William Lewis, Interim Director of Finance and Administration Errol Bartley, Firefighter Vincent Jaunai, and District Clerk Val Thompson.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the minutes of January 3, 2018 with the corrections. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Greene. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Massey-Greene made a motion to schedule the Annual District meeting for Wednesday, May 16, 2018, @ 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer. The motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Farmer suggested that we donate the old Tough Book computer modems to the Hartford Fire Department. Chief Farmer also stated that it was brought to his attention that three of the career firefighters need a second set of turn-out gear. Union President of the Local 760 stated that Acting Lieutenant Vincent Jaunai should have been compensated for the additional duties he has been performing as per his employment agreement effective November 13, 2017. Commissioner Farmer requested that Errol Bartley process compensation as of November 13, 2017. For additional information, please refer to the Chief's monthly report.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT: Fire Marshal Lewis stated he has been very busy with inspections at Trader's Joe, IDS Building and 522 Cottage Grove Road Daycare. The Fire Marshal's office completed 44 inspections during the past month and completed 10-Plan Reviews along with 4 fire investigations. Please refer to the Fire Marshal's monthly report.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Errol Bartley stated that the District's finances are in good standing. However, there should be no large purchases made at this time.

TRAINING REPORT: Chief Farmer stated that he will be conducting a walk through at Home Goods and The New Apartment Complex on Bloomfield Avenue.

HOUSE CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Fire Marshal Lewis stated Station 1 and 4 have cameras installed inside and out. Station 1 Hall is up to code with fire rated doors. UGO Heating and Cooling Company will start the installation of the new air conditioning system on April 5, 2018.

SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT: none

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT: Firefighter Jaunai stated Blue Hills Fire District and the Town Council will assist with Celebrate Bloomfield the weekend of June 1-3rd. The 5th Annual Educational Fun Day will be on June 9, 2018. The 5th Internship Program with the Bloomfield High School Students will continue to take place in the Summer. The application for the internship program were emailed to Bloomfield High School to disburse to all the students who are eligible.

DEPARTMENT /GOOD WELFARE: Commissioner Farmer made a motion to donate the Tough Book old modems to Hartford Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Chair Marzouca Jaunai. Vice Chair Massey Greene abstained. Commissioner Farmer wanted to know the status of the investigation. Vice Chair Massey Greene stated the investigation is with the Bloomfield Police Department.

Vice Chair Greene made a motion to donate \$250.00 to the American Lung Association. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to increase the rent for Station 4 from \$175.00 to \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Massey Greene. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Marzouca Jaunai made a motion to table the discussion in reference to the rental agreement for Station 3. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Massey Greene. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chair Marzouca Jaunai to notify Chief Farmer that the Blue Hills Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners does not intend to renew his employment Agreement, which will naturally expire on June 30, 2018. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Massey-Greene. Commissioner Farmer recused herself from the vote.

A motion was made by Chair Marzouca Jaunai to notify Chief Farmer that effective immediately he shall no longer report to work at The Blue Hills Fire District as he will be relieved of his duties, but he will continue to be paid all wages and provide all benefits he is due through the end of the his 2013-2018 Employment Agreement. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Massey-Greene. Commissioner Farmer recused herself from the vote.

CITIZEN STATEMENTS/COMMENTS:

Kenyatta Ward thanked the District for the largest donation ever received for the Bloomfield Raiders Football League and hope the District will consider the league this year.

Barbara Bagnall wanted to know the following:

If the 2017 annual audit has been completed?

What's the total dollar amount that went over budget for vehicle maintenance and repairs for this year?

Will one of the District's Attorney be at the annual meeting?

When will Commissioners put aside funds to purchase a new engine?

PAYMENT OF INVOICES AND VOUCHERS: A motion was made by Vice Chair Massey Greene to pay all invoices and vouchers. The motion was seconded by Chair Marzouca Jaunai. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Vice Chair Massey Greene to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 P.M. The motion was seconded by Chair Juanai. The motion carried unanimously.

Please note the next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2018