

**BLUE HILLS FIRE DISTRICT
MEETING OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
LOCATION: 1021 BLUE HILLS AVENUE
BLOOMFIELD, CT
THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2018
@ 7:00 PM**

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 Chair Ariel Marzouca Jaunai, Vice Chair Jacqueline Massey Greene, Commissioner Mark Manson, Acting Chief Willie Jones, Director of Finance and Administration Errol Bartley, Firefighter Vincent Jaunai, and District Clerk Valda Thompson.

Chair Marzouca-Jaunai made a motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Massey-Greene. The motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Acting Chief Willie Jones welcomed Justin Cusson to the Blue Hills Fire Department. Acting Chief Jones stated that there were 35 incidents for the month of June and 2 small fires. Home Depot has selected the Blue Hills Fire District to do a makeover project for the watch room. For additional information, please refer to the Acting Chief's monthly report.

Acting Chief Jones appointed Captain Fred Nelson to Deputy Chief, Lieutenant Robert Shuler to Captain and Firefighter Vincent Jaunai to Lieutenant.

FIRE MARSHAL' S REPORT: None - Vacation

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Errol Bartley stated that the District's finances are in good standing.

TRAINING REPORT: Acting Chief Jones stated that Firefighter Terrell Cox is interested in overseeing the training department at the Blue Hills Fire District.

HOUSE CAPTAIN'S REPORT: none

SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT: none

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT: Firefighter Jaunai stated that during the month of June, there was one training event at ABB Company and a fire drill at the Federation Homes. The Annual Educational Fun Day was held on June 9, 2018, and was a success. On June 15, 2018, the yearly Egg Drop challenge was held at Carmen Arace School and on June 16, 2018, the Blue Hills Fire District participated in the Strawberry Fest held at the Methodist Church. Orientation is scheduled for June 25, 2018, for the three interns that will be participating in the internship program and the Bloomfield Town Wide Baby Shower will be held on August 11, 2018, a program that helps to support pregnant women. In September of 2018, Jake Break will be planting flowers in front of station 1.

The Blue Hills Fire District will be hosting the Back to School Fair on August 21, 2018, due to the construction at 330 Park Avenue Community Center.

DEPARTMENT /GOOD WELFARE:

Chair Marzouca-Jaunai welcomed Commissioner Mark Manson to the Blue Hills Fire District.

Vice Chair Jacqueline Massey Greene made a motion to accept Acting Chief Willie Jones appointees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark Manson. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Ariel Marzouca Jaunai made a motion to make the Acting Chief position a Volunteer position. The motion was seconded by Mark Manson. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai made a motion to appoint Acting Chief Willie Jones as the Chief of the Blue Hills Fire District. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Massey Greene. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Massey-Greene made a motion to donate \$100.00 towards the Baby Shower. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark Manson. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Massey Greene congratulated and thanked the Firefighters for volunteering their time and for keeping up with the maintenance of the fire house. She also thanked Firefighter Jaunia for a great job for the community outreach work that he is doing.

Chair Marzouca Jaunai stated that on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, the official promotional ceremony will be held for all the promotees.

Firefighter Terry Wright's father passed away.

CITIZEN STATEMENTS/COMMENTS:

Edith Fein stated the Education Fun Day was very informative.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Mark Manson made a motion to pay invoices and vouchers. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jacqueline Massey Greene. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Vice Chair Massey Greene to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark Manson. The motion carried unanimously.

Please note the next meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2018