

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

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:10 p.m. and a moment of silence was observed.

**PRESENT:** Present at the meeting was Chief Willie Jones, Chair Ariel Marzouca Jaunai, Vice Chair Jacqueline Massey Greene, Commissioner Mark Manson, Lieutenant Vincent Jaunai, Fire Marshal William Lewis, Director of Finance and Administration Errol Bartley and District Clerk Valda Thompson.

Chair Marzouca Jaunai made a motion to approve the minutes' of October 3, 2018 with corrections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manson. The motion carried unanimously.

**FIRE MARSHAL' S REPORT:** Fire Marshall Lewis stated his office was busy with inspections. The District had 2 proposals for restaurants. Fire Marshal Lewis stated there was a fire at 121 Rockwell Avenue. The cause of the fire was a Hover Board that was placed on top of a mattress. Please refer to the monthly Report for further details.

Chair Marzouca Jaunai made a motion to add the discussion of a claims filed against the Blue Hills Fire District to item #5. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Massey-Greene. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Marzouca Jaunai made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss bids/lease of the SCBA packs and hiring an auditor for the Blue Hills Fire District and strategy related to claims against the Blue Hills Fire District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manson. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. Present: Chair Marzouca Jaunai, Vice Chair Jacqueline Massey Greene, Commissioner Mark Manson, Chief Willie Jones, Fire Marshal William Lewis, Lt. Vincent Jaunai, Director of Finance Errol Bartley.

Executive Session ended at 8:00 p.m. Returned to public session at 8:01 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Massey-Greene to select option 1 from the leasing company, Community Leasing Partners - down payment of \$34,000 by November 30, 2018 and yearly payments of \$65,634.00 over the next 5 years for the SCBA packs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) starting next fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark Mason. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Massey-Greene to have a Special District Meeting, Monday, November 26, 2018, to approve the down payment for the SCBA packs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manson. The motion carried unanimously.

Annie Mohanty from New York Life gave a presentation in reference to benefits for the Blue Hills Fire District members. Many topics were discussed. Numerous questions were asked. No action was taken.

**Chief's Report:** There were 36 calls in the month of October and a basement fire on Rockwell Avenue. On September 13, 2018, Jacobs Vehicle System Company in Bloomfield employees planted flowers at Station 1. For additional information, please refer to the Chief's monthly report.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT:** Errol Bartley stated that the District's finances are in good standing. Errol handed out a summary report of the District's financials budget for the months of September and October.

**TRAINING REPORT:** none

**HOUSE CAPTAIN'S REPORT:** none

**SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT:** none

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT:** Lt. Jaunai thanked Commissioner Mark Manson on behalf of the Career FFs and Volunteers for lunch he provided them on October 24, 2018. For additional information, please refer to the outreach monthly report.

**DEPARTMENT /GOOD WELFARE:** Discussion of giving monetary incentive for Christmas to paid staff only. Vice Chair Massey Greene made a motion not move on this item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark Manson.

Vice Chair Massey Greene made a motion to gift, gift cards to all active members of the BHFD for Thanksgiving and Christmas in the amount of \$50.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mark Manson. The motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN STATEMENTS/COMMENTS:** none

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Vice Chair Massey Greene to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manson. The motion carried unanimously.

**Please note the next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2018**