

Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, August 21, 2023, call to order: 1908

Attendance: In Person: Mark Nall, Richard Dvorak, Brian Reynolds, George Hagar, Diane Carboni, Alison Dvorak, Patricia Hayward-Paige, John Hanks, Jodie Hanks, Laura Burke, Raymond Henry, Jeremy Beisegel, Zach Novosad, Lilly Luurtsema (Explorer), Theresa Jones (Guest); Offered via Google Meet: Braydon Crofts, Alora Plourde, James Malchman, Bethanie Lovett, Jason Lovett, Olivia Luurtsema (Explorer). Picnic Dinner with games was held prior to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from July 2023: Brian asked for review of previous months minutes related to voting of by-law change. It appeared that the item in question had not been presented to the membership yet and would be tonight. Diane makes motion to approve July minutes, Laura seconds, all approve. (18)

Treasurer Report: Shannon Pepin absent but report provided in writing to secretary before meeting. Alison read report "Verizon bill update: prior month outstanding balance for assistant chief phone purchase was \$340.27. On August 9th, payment of \$265.57 was made by assistant chief which leaves a remaining balance of \$74.70." to be posted with the minutes. Motion to approve by Richard, second by Diane, all approve (18)

Chief Report: Mark Nall provided report.

- 30 calls: 22 EMS, 4 Fire, 2 Special Apparatus, 2 Mutual Aid.
- Updates provided on Cancer Fun
- Noted upcoming Firefighter festival in Mystic Seaport
- Read letter from North Windham Chief regarding EMT class, apology for previous negative comment.
- Chief comment to membership to not "air dirty laundry", if you have issues- bring them to Chief or President.

Deputy Chief Report: position vacant

Assistant Deputy Chief Report: Gaynelle Crofts absent, report provided by Chief Nall.

- EMTs please check for comments in QM reports.
- Live burn 9/24. This will be all day for FF1, FF2, FF3 and exterior FF or engineers welcome for exterior support.
- EMT/EMTs please watch IAR for training scheduled 8/25, 27, 29, 30

Captain: Byron Crofts absent, Braydon Crofts provided report

- Tool check list is in Target Solutions
- Thank you for Monday & Wednesday attendance.

Lieutenant: Brian Reynolds provided report.

- Radio for SUV not workable, looking at the options.
- VHF radio was run over, will work on replacement.
- 2 SCBA tanks returned.
- Continuing to look at equipment.
- Foam removal process in progress.

Rescue Lt: Braydon Crofts provided report.

- Researching purchase of training mannequins. The ones found so far are very expensive.
- Thank you to those that participated in Mud Run.

Chief Engineer: George Hagar provided report.

- Door handle replaced.
- Nox box was removed from the ambulance by Dave Wheeler. Unclear status.

IT and Admin: Danitza Nall absent, provided report prior to meeting via email, read by Alison.

- attended 2 more ESO report training courses.
- July's Rewards are almost ready; need to meet with Asst. Chief for a few questionable incidents; July through September is the next quarter.
- Continue monitoring and distributing phone and email messages.
- updated and shared the Toy registration form for Jodie to send out.
- sent Selectman Grant questions about FD internet and closing the old Internet account—waiting for his reply.

Old Business:

- Chief reported on the planned bridge replacement over Beaver Brook. This will include a 5000 sq ft office/garage space. They have a request for radio coverage, and possible opportunities for tower as part of the project. Neighboring departments are being informed. The majority of the road closure will be next summer with work continuing through 2025.

New Business:

- Brian makes motion to propose By Law Committee suggested change, second by Brian. Item will be posted for 30 days and voted at next meeting. **Article 9, Subsection 4:** The Assistant Chief must be certified in at least Firefighter 2, Hazardous Material Operations, CPR, and ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800. During term in office the Assistant Chief must obtain qualifications to drive/operate all department apparatus, excluding special operation vehicle. **ADD "Assistant Chief must be an active member for 4 consecutive years in the department."**

Good of the Order:

- **Membership:** Application for membership reviewed. Teresa Jones is a Franklin resident interested in Fire Police. Richard suggests accepting membership with usual 6 months' probation, second by James, all approve (18)
- Zach noted thanks for recent standby for Lebanon. Thanks to Richard, Jodie and John for attending the funeral.
- Thanks to those that attended the Mud Run and the last Music in the Park.
- Blood Drive will be held at FVFD, 5 Tyler Drive Hall on Saturday 9/2 from 9-2. Need volunteers for the canteen. Please pre-register to donate if you are able. Alison purchased Pillsbury Cinnamon Buns to bake off when shopping for Mud Run so anyone could bake those for the blood drive morning.
- FVFD will drive a selected FES student to school on 8/30
- Diane noted the request of DCF to utilize the hall for a back to school indoor picnic. She is working with them.

Committees:

- Media/Marketing Committee – Alison provided report, Committee meets monthly.
- Uniform Committee- Jodie provided nothing new to report.
- Truck and Funding- Jeremy present, no report.
- Fundraising- Jodie noted that Chief sent email to Toy Show vendors. Alison sent an email to craft fair vendors. Early sign up through 9/15.
- By-laws- Bethanie notes that the committee will meet 8/30, 5:30 pm.
- Hall- Jim Crofts absent, no report.

Correspondence:

- \$500 donation from family of Mannings funeral
- Several thank you notes read to membership.

Motion to adjourn at 2032 by Richard, second by Brian; Respectfully submitted, Alison Dvorak, Secretary

Next meeting will be Monday, September 18, 2023, google meet option: <https://meet.google.com/dxo-dnyv-nkv>