

Attendance: Mark Nall, Alison Dvorak, Richard Dvorak, Heather Glidden, Jim Crofts, Josh Achille, Diane Carboni, Delaney Crofts, Ethan Gagnon, George Hagar, Dave Wheeler, Brian Reynolds (arrive 1908), Patricia Hayward-Page (arrive 1908), Braydon Crofts (arrive 1917), Alora Plourde (arrive 1917) Quorum with 11-14 voting members.

Approval of Minutes from July 2020: Mark makes motion to approve, Jim seconds, all approve (11)

Treasurer Report: Heather Glidden provided report to be posted with minutes. Richard makes motion to accept, George seconds, all approve (11)

Chief Report: Mark Nall provided report

- 28 calls for the month: 17 Emergency, 11 Alarm of Fire
- Many issues related to recent storm will discuss further, primarily communication concerns
- Chiefs meetings were cancelled or postponed this month due to pandemic and storms/power outages

Deputy Chief report: Dave Wheeler provided report

- ESO system is up and running for all EMS and Fire reporting.
- Administrative and other activity time will be logged through Target Solutions.
- Training for both systems will be held and ongoing.
- Ordered a 2nd nox box for Elisha Brook Senior Housing so Yantic and Bozrah have access when covering calls.
- CAD will merge Nexgen with ESO

Assistant Deputy Chief: Gaynelle Crofts absent, report items included with Deputy Chief report above

Captain: Ethan Gagnon provided report

- Looking at ladders for the tanker
- Weekly checks with training will start at 1800 each week
- Looking at hydrant gate valves for new route 32 areas
- Himatro tools delivery delayed to early September, training will occur then.
- Younger members encouraged to participate with truck check sheet forms and orientation to vehicles
- Contact Ethan with tool suggestions and requests for new truck planning.

Lieutenant: Kyle Konow absent, no report

Rescue Lt: Brian Reynolds provided report

- Lack of crew for response on several calls, please make every effort to make a crew if you are able.
- Working to streamline ambulance supplies
- Reminder to use PPE
- We are no longer getting PPE through DPH. Items will be stored.

Chief Engineer: George Hagar provided report

- Charger for hose tender on order
- If something breaks, please let George know ASAP

Old Business:

- Road Construction almost done, hydrants still need revision before all active. New Park traffic light is still on auto and this can cause back up issues

New Business:

- Brush fire gear has been approved with Grant, will be getting jackets and bunkers.
- Please wash gear in gear washer after brush fire event. If you are wearing personal clothing when responding to brush fire event, please wash your clothing in the gear washer before taking home to wash at home.
- Storm update provided by Chief Nall. Storm 8/4 – tremendous effort by FVFD – Thank you!
- Follow up meeting on 8/13 with town to discuss Emergency Operations Center activities and need for FD inclusion. There were problems with radios or repeaters or generators on towers that prevented clear discussion. Cell phones continued to work. Generator at Fire Safety Complex needed fuel refill 3-4 times during event and did not power all necessary areas (including Air Conditioning). First Selectman will review what is on generator and what needs to be added. School does not have generator. Town Hall has large generator. Elisha Brook has generator but need review of what is powered by it in each resident room. Team will update list of needs for Emergency Situations. Fire Department representative will be part of EOC. Reminder that we need to ask WW “Has Eversource been notified?” whenever report of tree down on town road. Fire Dept does not do tree removal for trees in road or on wires unless immediate life safety (i.e. car accident) – Town handles storm damage tree issues. State Police need to be called for State Road issues – only they can make the call to have DOT shut the road. Fire Department is not for traffic control in non-emergent situations. Discussing ATV for rescue situations when roads are blocked, etc. When department members are at the department during emergency situations, please eat MRE and/or other nutritious foods to stay well.

Good of the Order:

- Thank you to Diane Carboni and Richard Dvorak for representing the department at 2 parades and Baltic Open House. The Spielman Memorial parade was tremendous and all were very appreciative of the dept attendance.
- Bins to store PPE should arrive this week.
- State Sales Tax exemption documentation needed. Heather still working on getting debit card for Chief.
- All members are part of a Life Insurance plan from day 1 of membership. This is \$10,000 death benefit with additional amounts related to injuries. See Diane Carboni or Richard Dvorak with questions.
- Certificates received for entitlements for Pension Plan. These will be distributed to members for their records.
- N95 testing will be scheduled per annual requirements.
- Ryan Dvorak will be joining department as Explorer with interest in EMS.
- Chief noted thanks to Diane Carboni for the AED grant. (Diane added grant was \$1800 therefore we only paid the balance of \$14 for the AED, cabinet, etc). Member discussion regarding placement location, Library Entrance Alcove for access from Library and Hall use. AED needs to be registered and alarm location notification.
- Brian noted high costs on use of Stericycle for hazardous waste removal service. Discussion of options and service rotation (come to check vs. come when called, depending on when needed). Bioserve and Clean Harbors options. Brian will investigate and make changes as needed to best meet needs and demand.

Correspondence- *Donations in memory of Anthony Consentino: Eunice Therrien \$50; Donation in thanks for brush fire response, Chris & Keagan Batt \$1000*

Truck Committee – Ethan provided summary of the three bids that meet committee specifications. All include a 6-man cab with packs for all seats, 1000 gallon tank, 15 gal/minute pump. The bids are Seagrave, KME and 4 guys. Committee recommends the KME bid. Chief makes motion for Vote of Confidence in the Truck Committees decision and recommendation, Brian seconds, all approve (14) Ethan will contact Selectman to be on meeting agenda 9/2 at 8:15 am.

EMS Charts Committee: disbanded due to implementation of new chart system

Motion to adjourn: President makes motion, Brian seconds, All approve (14). meeting adjourned 2011

Respectfully submitted, Alison Dvorak, Secretary