

MINUTES
CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
April 4, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department was called to order by Chief Brian Manware at 7:30 p.m.

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 7, 2016 regular meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 10, 2016 special meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Secretary P. Heser presented the Treasurer's report to the members. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

The invitation to the Swearing in Ceremony for Police Chief Vincent DeMaio on Friday, April 8, 2016 was received.

Report of Chiefs:

Chief:

- Call volume for March was low.
- Will get a breakdown of responses and response times
- Working on a database software that will track the calls and times
- Work is being done on the policy updates

Deputy Chief Administration: (report presented by Chief Manware)

- Deputy Chief Administration Skau is heading up the committee reviewing policies and practices
- When the bulk of them have been completed they will be brought to the department for their review
- An update of Fire and EMS annual drive totals were reported

Deputy Chief:

- Operators should take note of the I AM RESPONDING screen when responding to calls
- Park on the same side of the road
- Schedule a time with Deputy Chief Neff to get your slides
- There is a signup sheet for t-shirts and sweatshirts
- A spring cleanup/picnic will be scheduled prior to Memorial Day. The date will be posted on IMR with the cleanup in the morning and picnic in the afternoon
- There is a signup sheet for ID tags

Deputy Chief EMS:

- March was a slow month for calls
- The ambulances got out, an improvement from last year
- New EMT Gerald Barosy was introduced. He works as an EMT with AMR.

Assistant Chief: No report

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Report of Line Officers:

Captain Headquarters: No report

Captain Glenwood:

- There is a portable radio missing

Captain Marine:

- 92 is in the paint booth at Cedar Island Marina

Captain EMS: No report

Lt. Company 1:

- This is the last month for the second quarter and there are two (2) drills left – on the 11th and 25th
- If you are missing drills, get in touch with D. Johnson sooner than later to discuss
- A dodge ball tournament is being held April 12, 2016 and they are accepting teams at a cost of \$100/team. If interested sign up by April 8th. Observers can attend at a cost of \$5/each.

Lt. Company 2:

- There are new nozzles at DPW and fueling 954 is tricky.

Lt. Aerial:

- 971 had the PMs done and everything is fine
- A big jack pad has been lost, be mindful of the pads and make sure you pick them up when done

Lt. Rescue: No report

Lt. EMS 946: No report

Lt. EMS 947:

- Department is low on Epi-pens, however they should be delivered this week
- If there are any supplies needed, an order is being processed tomorrow

Lt. EMS 948:

- 941 has new front tires
- The PMS have been completed

Report of Divisions/Appointed Positions:

Communications Coordinator: No report

Engineer:

- The auto eject on the 2nd line ambulance has been repaired

Quartermaster:

- There are boots outside his door – either take them or they will be tossed
- Questioned whose gear is on the rack

Juniors:

- Travis Jenkins, Megan Denison and Zachary Schrempp passed their EMR test
- The juniors will be going to the 911 Memorial on May 14, 2016

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Fire Police: No report

Auxiliary: No report

Committee Reports:

Membership:

- There are a few applicants going through the process
- There are 3 probationary members

Uniform: No report

LOSAP/Pension: No report

Finance: No report

Ways and Means:

- A bucket drive is scheduled for April 30, 2016 with a rain date of May 14, 2016 from 9 am to 3 pm
- Bingo was discussed. A meeting will be held for everyone who is interested in helping with Bingo. A schedule of workers will be developed in advance of Bingo beginning. This meeting will determine if the department can handle the commitment Bingo requires prior to it beginning in June (and ending in September).

House:

- Deputy Chief Neff requested members meet with him after the close of the regular meeting.

Parade: No report

Social: No report

Sick and Welfare:

- K. Archer is better and attended this meeting.

Nominating: No report

By-Law:

- G. Skau will set up meetings for the committee to review the by-laws

Truck Committee:

- The new truck is out to bid
- The Sutphen may be back this week

Ethics Committee and Conflict of Interest Committee:

- The Committees had constructive dialogue with the chiefs.
- G. Skau is working on the draft and this will be shown to the department when complete

Old Business:

An update of the possible installation of the cell phone tower on department property was given. The department's attorney is negotiating with the tower company and he will attend the next meeting to give the members an update and answer any questions/concerns they may have.

R. Sullivan thanked the members for their cards.

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New Business:

Frank Schrempp memorial t-shirts can be purchased for \$10 beginning tomorrow (April 5th).

Good of the Department:

The town is studying the possibility of creating a Fire Commission. The Fire Commission would oversee the department's budget and be another layer of authority before going before the Boards of Selectmen or Finance. The commission has to ensure the department has what is required for it to provide services to the town. The day to day operations of the department would still be handled by the Chiefs. The Fire Commission could be comprised of 5 members with 2 alternates and the Chief as the ex-officio member; however at this time no formal documents have been presented. If a member knows of a resident interested in being on this commission, let Chief Manware know.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Clerk