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MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2016

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

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2016 meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report as of September 12, 2016 was presented by D.J. Burns, Treasurer.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

Correspondence Received:

1. A letter was read by Chief Manware from John and Sherry Battista stating that American Ambulance cannot continue to sponsor the Scholarship Softball Tournament. We would like to see the tournament continue. Whoever is interested please see Chief Manware. The Joseph Battista Scholarship Softball Tournament will be on October 16, 2016. This will be the last time in Norwich.

Chief (90):

The chiefs attended a close out meeting with the Chamber of Commerce in reference to the fireworks. There will be another follow up meeting with all of the public safety agencies. The event went well overall, just a few minor injuries and a marine incident and a small brush fire. Thank you to all that participated and the thanks were extended from the chamber as well. The date has been set for next year, the same weekend in August.

The CFD received a letter from the federal government advising us that they would not be funding our SCBA grant. He has reached out to several individuals to have outside review of the grant. The grant will be

submitted mid-October. Research is still being completed as to the cost to replace the SCBA. This purchase will occur regardless of being awarded the grant, in the beginning of the 2017 budget year. The money is in the budget. If we receive the grant, the town will be reimbursed through the grant process.

Hose testing was relatively successful last week by the new company. Chief Manware is going to the town to ask for an emergency expenditure due to the amount of LDH hose that was lost this year.

The Firefighter II class has started here, in Clinton. The class should be wrapping up by the first week in December. We have 3 members attending the class, with 13-14 in the class. There may be a need for operators to assist with the class.

There is a potential live burn site in town. This will be a one day event. Chief Neff will talk about the additional live burns for the annuals.

Capital Budget update. The PPE that was purchased is in service on 8 members. The thermal imaging cameras purchase is still under review. The attack hose was purchased in July, half last year's budget and half this year's budget. The hose went into service and was placed on the truck during the hose testing. Please go out and take a look on the trucks. There was a change in color for the 1.75" hose. The blue and yellow stayed the same. The white hose is for the trash/car fire line. The orange hose is the 2" hose with the 2.5" couplings. That is located to the rear of engine 4 and mid-ship on engine 3. There is none on engine 2 up at the north station because there is no place for it.

The water supply upgrades is still moving forward and start using the grant money that we got from DEEP Forestry, shared funding. There is also a meeting planned to meet with the water supply consultant because the town has asked what this budget line item is going to cost to make it happen.

The first Capital Request meeting has taken place for the 2017-2018 Budget year. The CFD submitted again for the PPE, the replacement of the third thermal imaging camera, water supply funding. There is money in the budget this year to replace the airbags on the rescue, HVAC work to be completed at head quarters, and the zodiac is up for replacement. The HVAC work will be in conjunction with the Department of Public Works because they handle all of the building maintenance in the town.

The statistics for the month of August were reported. The report stated

The breakdown of the calls

Type of Calls (Fire, EMS and Rescue)

The days of the week (Monday through Friday)

The weekends (Saturday and Sunday)

Average of Chiefs, Officers, Firefighters and other members

The times of calls- days verses nights

Deputy Chief – Administration (9AD):

The EMS annual drive report was read.

Deputy Chief (901):

Deputy Chief stated great work at the 4 fires since our last meeting. Discussion of the Guilford fire, not a great turn out due to the way that it was dispatched, as fire knocked down but they were there for 3.5 hours.

Information was given out about the call a few weeks ago, which was not toned out. A car was pulled over by the Clinton Police and a One-Pot, described as a mini meth lab in the car. There were multiple agencies that responded to the scene. He is going to get the DEA here for training. The call was kept quiet; all interaction was by cell phone. It was not to hide it from anyone but to keep it low key.

If there is a boat call, please call in to Control 9. If the operator does not know you are coming, you could get left at the dock.

If we are going mutual aid to Killingworth, all apparatus rolls out of station 2, unless instructed differently by an officer. Mutual aid to Madison and Westbrook comes out of headquarters.

Annual burns are coming, so be on the lookout for the schedule that will be going up. They are working on getting the old Morgan for some training. We are going to try to host a forcible entry class.

Chief added for additional class:

There will be an advance vehicle extraction class here in November hosted by CT custom training and a lead instructor Tony Lecca.

Thursday, November 10 will be the class room portion

Saturday, November 12 will be the practical session

24 students for the class and would like to keep it open to Clinton members only.

The new quarterly training sheets are posted. If you have any questions please see 901. Only see the Captains or Lieutenants if you need to make something up.

Deputy Chief – EMS (940):

Not present - No Report

Assistant Chief (902):

Report given by 901, Deputy Chief Michael Neff: 996 is out of service for mechanical issues, and will be returning soon.

Captain Company 1 (903):

Not present - No Report

Captain Company 2 (904):

Report given by 901, Deputy Chief Michael Neff: Please re-fuel the brush truck after you use it, because it does not have a fuel gauge.

Captain Marine Company (908):

Captain Marine reminded that if you don't call Control 9, the boat operator does not know you are coming. There should be some night training in the next 2 months, because 2 operators need the training. Crews will be needed to go out.

Captain – EMS (945):

The Congregational Church Fair sent thanks for the truck exposition and all that showed up to it.

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 there is a hypothermia presentation that is being given in Westbrook Fire headquarters at 7pm. Flyer to be hung up. You can get drill credits. You must have something signed stating that you went.

There is a Youth Mental Health training on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 and Tuesday October 25, 2016 to receive a three year certification. It will be held in the community room at the police station. You have to attend both sessions. The cost is \$10. It will be going over the Psych issues we have to deal with.

EMT/EMR refresher is October 7- 9, 2016. Please let 945 know if you will be attending.

The State of Connecticut has sent out new protocols for all medical trained levels with new competencies. This will be completed by the state. They will be administered through Middlesex Hospital.

Middlesex Hospital started a Paramedic Ride report. He attended the first meeting.

Paramedic service offered to the towns - ALS through August: Clinton had 573 calls and Cromwell had 597 calls. We have to work on the BLS downgrade with some new dispatch protocols.

Lt. Company 1 (905):

Report given by 901, Deputy Chief Michael Neff:

Quarterlies will be coming up quickly. Please make sure you get your stuff done in a timely manner.

Lt. Company 2 (906):

There have been some changes made on 952. The hydrant bag and humat valve are located in the rear of the truck. The gated Y and the manifold are still on the officer's side. Portable pump and cutters have been placed on the truck on the officer's side.

Lt. Aerial Company (907): **OPEN Position** No Report

Lt. Rescue Company (909):

He wanted to remind everyone to fill the brush truck after every call.

Lt. EMS – 946: **OPEN Position** No Report

Lt. EMS – 947:

The new Epi-pens were demonstrated. New colors of the adult dose are yellow and orange is the pediatric dose. No longer green. Read the doses 0.30mg for adult and 0.15mg for pediatric.

Lt. EMS – 948:

941 the air horns are disconnected.

942 there is an ongoing phenomenon of the siren mysteriously working and not working for over a year now. The PA button for the microphone is in the cup holder and accidentally depressed, the siren will not work. So if the siren is not working in 942, follow the cord and see if the button is depressed. Discussion about getting the siren fixed. If we are not going to fix them we need to remove them.

STAFF OFFICERS

Communication Coordinator (915): No Report

Equipment Engineer (912): No Report

Quartermaster: No Report

Junior Company: No Report

Chaplain: **OPEN Position** No Report

Fire Police: No Report

Auxiliary:

The last fire we had, the auxiliary brought granola bars. They were looking for input. Better than donuts.

Reading of the Roll: Was waived as there were no officers to be elected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

There is one new Member Mike Brotz who already has his FF1 and it is valid. He stood to be recognized.

Probationary member was voted into permanent membership.

Ashley Vargashe- No-5 and Yes- 36

Uniform:

No Report

LOSAP:

DJ Burns stated that there will be a meeting on October 3, next department meeting, the finance guys are going to be here to discuss LOSAP and answer question directly related to LOSAP and any other financial question. They are still working on the paperwork that has to be handed in, should be completed this week and sent to the financial people. The members who are eligible for the \$1000/457 payout, the information has been already sent to the financial people.

The paper that was started for LOSAP now has become a corporate document. This is called the CVFD census form. This will be maintained by Nancy.

After the public ordinance has been enacted, it has to lay for 30 days before becoming active. On October 15, 2016 the Town of Clinton will write a check for \$120,000 to the CVFD. Which we in turn deposit and we write the check to the financial people. The earliest time frame to see money is November because there is still a lot of work to be completed.

There will be paperwork that has to be filled out. Members who are getting paperwork depends on which plan you are enrolled in.

DJ Burns encourages all members to have questions for the financial guys. They are here to help you.

Finance:

Dave Burns stated that we have recouped the money to our 2 large accounts with Wells Fargo. We had lost the money 2 years ago, June. There is a finance meeting next Tuesday at 6pm.

Ways and Means:

Jason Lewellyn expressed his thanks for all the help with Bingo this year. This is one of the most successful years for Bingo, made just under \$5000. We only had 9 Bingos. There was 106 people at the last Bingo.

Any Fundraising ideas, please feel free to bring them up. We are looking to host a bike race.

The bucket drive application with the State has been approved for Black Friday. No location at this time.

House: No Report

Parade: No Report

Social: No Report

Sick and Welfare: No Report

Nominating:

Dennis Delecke states that everyone who is interested in running for a position must have their letters of intent in by the October meeting. Please one letter for each office.

If you want to be on the Finance Committee and the Adjudicating Committee, your letter needs to be in by next month. They are voted on during the December meeting.

Letters can be left in the box in the ready room. The nominating committee will meet at 6:15pm next month prior to the annual meeting.

Nominating Committee:

Dennis Delecke
Bob Smith
Bob Murphy
Linda Gworek

By-Laws: No Report

Truck Committee: No Report

Ethics Committee: No Report

Conflict of Interest: No Report

Old Business:

Chief Manware has 2 reminders. October 31 is the end of the year for all of your statistics.

No firm update on the cell tower, but the second interested developer is being vetted by the attorney. They have provided us with a non-disclosure agreement, the attorney is reviewing it before it gets signed. It states that if they make us an offer, we cannot share it.

Dave Schmardel expressed his thanks to the LOSAP committee and all of their hard work. Applause from all.

New Business:

Mike Massey asked about the thermostat in the meeting room, Chief Manware stated that there are three on the market that can control the units we have at the fire house.

Inquiry was made about Westbrook's ladder truck. Westbrook Chief Jenkins stated he drove it over here for CFD to use to hang their flag for the September 11 day. 971 is out of service. Chief Manware thanked him and Westbrook Fire Department.

Tasos Clados thanked everyone for donating to Dispatcher Dave MacDonald's fundraiser to buy a new handicap van. To date they have raised \$32,500 to go towards a reliable van for him.

The new phone system installation will be starting in the next two weeks. There is going to be a transition period when both systems are going to be running side by side. The functions should be the same. If you are affected, you will be set up for training.

Fire Prevention Week is next month. Stay tuned for the schedule on I Am Responding. Open house follows that week. It is always the Sunday following Fire Prevention Week.

Chief Manware put out a request to all the other Valley Shore Chiefs to find out what they require their members to have for NIMS. This includes all the way up to the officers and chiefs. Chief Jenkins added his requirements. Chief Manware would like to amend the requirements because of the difficulty of finding a class. He is sending out another email to see if he can get more information.

Good of the Department:

Next month is the Annual meeting at 7pm and the monthly meeting immediately follows. We do not sit and wait for 7:30pm to start. So be here.

Clinton NY is having their Annual Lobster Dinner on September 24th. Don Estes has invited any member to go help out that night. He would like to know who is coming and if you would like a steak or lobster dinner.

It was brought to the attention of Chief Manware that members have been unhappy with what he has done as chief. Chief Manware expressed to the membership that he has an open door policy. He has talked with members and discussed subjects. Chief Manware has heard that there are members that have been asking questions about the purchase of the Hazmat trailer. It was asked, who was Chief Manware to arbitrarily go out and purchase a Hazmat trailer, and where did that money come from. As stated in the meetings, the money was budgeted in the Capital budget in the 2015-2016 budget. The money was available last July. If anyone would like some more information about it, you can ask now during the meeting or see Chief Manware after the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the September meeting. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2028 hours.

Respectively Submitted,

Paula Hesel,
Secretary, Clinton Volunteer Fire Department