

MINUTES  
CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
March 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chief Brian Manware at 7:30 p.m.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Captain Hill and Lt. Van Dyke presented the Junior of the Year award to Jason Rush.

Minutes of February 6, 2017: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report was read and a motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- Numerous notes and donations were made in memory of John "Jack" McGowan
- Additional notes and donations were made in memory of Marian Sparks

Report of Chiefs:

Chief:

- The new phone system is up and functioning.
  - Chief Manware, Deputy Chief Neff and N. Mathiason can answer any questions regarding the phone
  - You do not have to dial "9" to get an outside line
  - The right side of the phone has the pre-dialed numbers
- The breathing air compressor is out of service
- Thermal imaging cameras have been purchased through the capital expenditure budget
  - Anticipate having a training class in either the spring or fall
- The water supply project has targeted two sites for work
  - Another grant has been received
- The department's budget has been presented to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance
  - No cuts have been made to date

Deputy Chief Administration:

- Reported on the annual drive fund totals
- There will be 17 more Policies and Procedures posted on the front bulletin board for members' review

Deputy Chief:

- Regarding the phone system – DO NOT page if you have not received instruction on the procedure
- Tee shirts and sweatshirts are in

Deputy Chief EMS:

- EMT recertification training is scheduled for March 10-12, beginning Friday 6:30 p.m.
- The EMS schedule is finalized and approved once D. Schmardel sends it out in an email
  - Give D. Schmardel advanced notice if you will be taking your shift off
- Reminder: If a psych patient is evaluated by a doctor they can be transported to the clinic  
If a psych patient is evaluated by a clinician, they should go to the hospital in Middletown or Hartford
- The EMS department responded to 210 calls so far in 2017 and only received mutual aid two (2) times and provided mutual aid five (5) times

Assistant Chief:

- 971 is back from its PMs
- The air breathing bottles are currently not in the bucket
- The two brush trucks are out of service
  - The Duce will be back in service next week
- The mirror on 996 has been repaired
- If you find something broken, let an officer know so it can be dealt with

Report of Line Officers:

Captain Headquarters:

- Fuel the apparatus
- Fill out the log book

Captain Glenwood:

- Training scheduled for this month will cover requirements for each quarter
- In April, firefighters will be checked off on the new SCBAs

Marine:

- The boat is being cleaned for the spring
- A boating course is scheduled in April and May at the Henry Carter Hull Library

Captain EMS: No report

Lt Company 1:

- The Amtrak training has been rescheduled to May 6<sup>th</sup>
- If you use a tool, put it back in the same location

Lt Company 2:

- The trucks are ready to roll
- Noted where the strainers are located

Lt Aerial:

- Members did an excellent job at the Madison fire
- The second half of the cold-water rescue drill is scheduled for March 11, 2017
- Driver training scheduled for Wednesday will be moved to Sunday morning

Lt Rescue:

- Thanked members for attending drills

Lt EMS 946:

- Gear inspection is scheduled and members should bring trauma bags and anything EMS related
- Review the checklist for the ambulances and do not overstock, go by the checklist numbers

Lt EMS 947:

- All EMTs meet with J. Lewellyn after the meeting

Lt EMS 948:

- Ambulance inspections are scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>

Report of Divisions/Appointed Positions  
Communications Coordinator: No report

Engineer:

- There is a brake light issue on 971
- Working on the air system at Station 2

Quartermaster:

- Thanked the members who assisted her in organizing and cleaning the Quartermaster office
- Gear inspection is scheduled over the next two weeks
- If members have any extra uniform pieces, bring them back and they will be put back in service

Junior Company: No report

Fire Police:

- An intersection procedures drill is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>

Auxiliary: No report

Committee Reports:

Membership:

- Junior applicant Phoebe Young was introduced

Finance:

- The investments are doing fine
- The department budget process will be started in the next few months, so all comments and requests must be submitted to the Finance Board in March

Ways and Means:

- Members running the Madison 5K meet with J. Lewellyn after the meeting
- The department will be acquiring a new Bingo machine

House:

- They have been working on redesigning the monument and memorial out front
  - K. Archer described the layout of the monuments, flags, proposed sitting wall, and possible memorial walkway
  - The department is working with the Department of Public Works
  - DPW will do the machine work and the department members will be asked to assist with the manual labor
  - The existing flags and patio will be eliminated
  - A motion was made and seconded to approve going forward with the monument project as presented by the House Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Parade: No report

Social: Thanked members for attending the banquet

Sick and Welfare: No report

By-Laws: No report

Truck Committee: No report

Old Business:

- Will meet with the cell site developers and cell tower attorney
- Will meet with other developers
- Proposals will be presented to the department members

New Business:

- There is a new signup sheet for tee shirts
- A Q class, to be held at Whelen in Chester, is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1900 hours beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Chester Fire Department is donating the use of their truck and during inclement weather classes will be held inside
- Morgan School is hosting a pasta dinner April 1<sup>st</sup> and members were asked to help
- There is a Soup Kitchen competition scheduled
- Stuff the Truck Food Drive is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>
- A blood drive is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>
- The department is collecting items to make Easter baskets for the food pantry to distribute to all the kids
  - Collection boxes will be placed in various locations

Good of the Department:

- Some members receiving awards were not present at the Annual Banquet so presentations were made tonight
- Don Blifford's internment service will be on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Killingworth Congregational Church cemetery
- Honorary member Wendell Moore passed away January 24, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott  
Clerk