

MINUTES
SAFETY COMMITTEE
March 4, 2021

PRESENT: Chief DeMaio, Captain Jakober, Captain DePietro, J. Hesel, T. Hajek, I. Bailey, M. Neff, R. Potter, D. Melillo, G. Carrion

Also present: R. Wells

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes of December 3, 2020

- A motion was made by T. Hajek, seconded by R. Potter to approve the minutes of December 3, 2020 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Claims:

- For 2019-2020 the town submitted the following claims:
 - 37 COVID exposures
 - 13 non-COVID exposures
 - 8 Police Department – minor – no loss of time
 - 3 Fire Department – minor – no loss of time
 - 2 Department of Public Works – minor – no loss of time
- For 2020-2021 the town has submitted the following claims:
 - 20 a total of first report of injury submissions
 - 17 were COVID exposures
 - 3 were for slip/fall, lifting a patient and restraining a prisoner
- There are currently 6 open claims between the Board of Education and Town
- Reinforced safety precautions, training and improved facility maintenance has reduced claim numbers
- Workers compensation premium was reduced due to lower number of claims

Department Reports:

Fire:

- No COVID infection has been traced back to the department

DPW:

- Only had 2 minor injuries
- Thought the winter was long and hard, the men were careful and no injuries were reported

Board of Education:

- Some of his staff have COVID, so working with a reduced number of staff
- Disinfecting the schools throughout the day
- Staff wearing PPE
- During winter snow events, worked with DPW to ensure schools were clear of snow

Fire Marshal:

- He will be inspecting all town buildings/facilities for fire related safety issues during March thru April

Park and Recreation:

- Asked Chief DeMaio to meet with his summer staff prior to the opening of the beach

Social Services:

- Everyone is in good health

Technology:

- Everyone is in good health

Overview:

COVID-19: Situational Report:

- There are 112 active cases in Clinton – average about 4.5/day
- If departments need PPE, contact M. Neff
- Reported that Governor Lamont may lessen the guidelines shortly
- Discussed where and who can get a COVID vaccine
 - And how the newly released J&J vaccine should speed up the vaccinating process

Winter Safety Precautions:

- The town did well during this winter season which in previous years has seen high claim numbers

Old Business:

- Ryan Wells will schedule a review of the Town's Safety Manual and of the DPW facility

New Business:

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott