

MINUTES  
Clinton Volunteer Fire Department  
March 6, 2023

Chief Manware called the meeting of the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department to order at 7:30 p.m.

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of February 6, 2023:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 6, 2023 minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- A thank you note was received from the Moreira family
- A thank you from Police Chief DeMaio to M. Brotz for his presentation to the Clinton Community Assistance Team

Report of Chiefs:

Chief:

- The department responded to 149 calls in the month of February
  - 25 fire calls
  - 18 rescue calls

The turnout to calls has been tremendous

- The budget will be finalized next week
  - No reductions to the operating budget were proposed
  - The Capital budget to include:
    - \$300,000 for apparatus
    - \$ 41,000 for turnout gear
    - \$ 95,000 to upfit the LMT – 986's replacement
    - \$ Funding for ½ of the town defib replacement program
- The department has three projects out for bid to include:
  - Firefighter bailout system
  - Firefighter harness
  - Fire boat
- Water hole project update:
  - The tanks will be delivered soon
  - The first tank installation will be done at Cream Pot Road scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - The second tank installation is scheduled for Airline Road / Schoolhouse Road
  - The third tank installation is scheduled to be done at Hesper Pond
- The department will be getting new thermal imaging cameras
  - The old cameras will roll down to the officers, and the officers' old cameras will roll down to active firefighters
- The fit testing machine is up and running
  - Fit testing has begun by taking members out of drills to perform this 4-minute fit test
- Gear inspection will begin when the new gear arrives in approximately 2 weeks
- The updated RIT response was reviewed:
  - The Rescue truck will be the first to roll to a RIT incident
  - The Ladder truck will roll second
  - The Best Practices will be updated to reflect this change

Deputy Chief Administration:

- Reported on the annual drive totals
- The appointed Position and Committee members has been posted for this year

Deputy Chief:

- Provided information on 986's replacement

Deputy Chief EMS:

- The total EMS calls for the month of February was:

106	EMT calls
18	Rescues
6	Received mutual aid for 4 first line ambulances and 2 second line ambulance

Assistant Chief:

- The training schedule is as follows:
  - March 13 – RIT scenarios
  - March 20 – What happens in the first 3 minutes of operations at a scene
  - March 27 – The full operations scenario at a scene

Report of Line Officers

Captain Headquarters:

- If you would like to be checked off on an apparatus, see him

Captain Glenwood:

- When weather permits, rinse off the apparatus

Captain Marine:

- 92 is still at the dock
- Training on the zodiac will be scheduled
- A personal note of thanks to the members who transported him to the clinic

Captain Safety Officer: No report

Captain EMS:

- There are two types of face masks on each ambulance – one type for the patient and one type for the crew
- There are two sizes of mega movers on the ambulance – in most instances the smaller ones should be used
- Pediatric trauma kits will be placed on all of the ambulances

Lt Company 1: No report

Lt Company 2: No report

Lt Aerial: No report

Lt Rescue: No report

Lt Marine: No report

Lt EMS (946):

- Don't forget to sign up for your ambulance shifts
- If you need help signing up for shifts, see M. Gelven

Lt EMS (947):

- After filling out a chart, make sure you fax it to the proper facility

Lt EMS (948):

- Thanked those members for attending the QPR training

Report of Divisions/ Appointed Positions  
Communications Coordinator: No report

Engineer: No report

Quartermaster: No report

Junior Company: No report

Fire Police: No report

Auxiliary: No report

Committee Reports  
Membership: No report

Finance: No report

Ways and Means:

- Bingo will run from June thru Labor Day
  - Dates for Bingo will be selected and announced

House:

- Mike Paulson's reception will be held at the Fire Department Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – please keep the meeting room clean

Social:

- Thanked the members for their attendance at the Annual Banquet – it was a great turnout
  - The year in review was well done

Sick and Welfare: No report

By-Law: No report

Old Business:

- The EMT/EMR refresher is scheduled for March 31, April 1 and April 2
  - Sign up if you need to update your certification

New Business:

- A reminder that the department is a public service to the community and interactions should be handled tactfully
  - Should you have a negative interaction with an individual, notify one of the Chiefs immediately so it can be handled appropriately

Good of the Department:

- Gave an update on the status of the requested increase to the tax abatement
- Mike Paulson will be laid to rest at the Veterans Cemetery in Middletown at 11 a.m. on March 11, 2023
  - The church service will be at the Congregational Church at noon
  - With the reception to follow at the Clinton Fire Department

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott  
Clerk