

MINUTES  
CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
May 3, 2021

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of April 5, 2021:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 5<sup>th</sup> as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read by Deputy Chief Administration Skau. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Chief's Reports:

Chief:

- Thanked everyone who participated in Honorary Member Matt Brown's services and reception
- Stats for April are as follows:
  - 175 Total calls for April
  - 123 EMS calls
  - 40 Fire calls
  - 12 Rescue
- Updates on Cedar Island:
  - Flow tested last Tuesday night at one of the hose houses
  - Hose houses are being updated and should be finished by end of season
  - Plumbing was updated at all of the hose houses
- Phase II of CT Water's water main replacement has been completed
  - All of the new hydrants are in service and the old ones have been removed
  - Be mindful of hydrant locations received from dispatch as they may be incorrect
  - There will lag time until CAD can be updated with the new hydrant locations
- Talked about the remainder of the operating budget for this year
  - The budget referendum is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> from 6a to 8p
- Brief discussion on the fire the other night
  - Excellent job and tremendous turn out with 21 interior firefighters

Deputy Chief Administration:

- Reported the annual drive totals

Deputy Chief:

- In the next month, there will be construction at Station 2
  - Working with DPW on parking for the apparatus so they can get out easier
- Tremendous job at the fire – we did everything we needed to do

Deputy Chief EMS:

- The EMS stats for April are as follows:
  - 123 Total EMS calls
  - 8 Received mutual aid – 5 times were for the first line ambulance and 2 for the second line and 1 because all 3 ambulances were out on other calls
  - 2 Gave mutual aid

- Please fill all open shifts
- Crews must restock the ambulances after every call
- An EMT is needed for the soccer tournament on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Assistant Chief:

- Excellent job at the fire
- 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is complete - Quarterlies are posted – if you are missing requirements get in touch with an officer
- Drills for the months of May and June will be posted in the front room
  - July will be a make-up month

Report of Line Officers:

Captain Headquarters:

- Drills are set-up to provide real life scenarios
  - 4 hours after the conclusion of our drill, members performed the same skills at the High Street fire
  - It is so important to attend drills

Captain Glenwood: No report

Captain Marine:

- Ongoing issues with the electronics on the boat
- Fuel lines are being installed
- New dock lines will be installed
- There is a new hand held radio on board; other radios are still out for repair

Captain EMS:

- Next drills are scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>

905 – Lt Company 1: No report

906 - Lt Company 2: No Report

907 – Lt Aerial:

- New light bar was installed
- Great job by everyone at the fire

909 – Lt Rescue:

- Rescue drill on the 17<sup>th</sup>
- Busy season with car accidents
  - Contact Lt Ziembra if you want to be cleared on the Rescue

946 – Lt EMS:

- There are some open shifts for May
- Please sign up for June shifts

947 – Lt EMS:

- Remember to fax PCR's

948 – Lt EMS: No Report

Communications Coordinator:

- Radio project is moving along – hope to have some information soon

Report of Divisions/Appointed Positions:

Engineer: No report

Quartermaster:

- Thank you for cleaning your own gear
  - Should you find gear in the dryer and it's not dry, please leave it in there
- See W. Hicks if you need a uniform

Junior Company:

- Introduced new member Stephen Kravitz

Fire Police: No report

Auxiliary: No report

Committee Reports:

Membership:

- Two interviews are scheduled for tomorrow night, one Senior and one Junior

Finance:

- Committee met to review the departments budgets
  - The budgets will be posted for members' review
- Discussed the of money needed for the Fire Department's portion of the replacement of 931 and the purchase of an UTV with trailer
  - The request for a special appropriation will come before the members for at a later date

Ways and Means:

- First Thursdays event in town asked if the Fire Department would be interested in having a food booth (possibly fried dough) in front of Headquarters starting in June and ending either September or October
  - A motion was made and seconded to support First Thursdays and provide a food booth in front of Headquarters the first Thursday of each month beginning in June to possibly ending in October. The motion carried with the majority in favor and three nay votes.
- As current restrictions are being lifted, Bingo is slated to begin on the third Saturday in June (6/19) and going through September
  - Certain safety precautions will be required such as masks and social distancing
  - A motion was made and seconded to hold bingo beginning June 19, 2021 through September. The motion carried with the majority in favor and four nay votes.

House:

- Thank you for everyone's effort on clean-up night
  - One more clean-up night will be scheduled

Social: No Report

Sick and Welfare: No report

By-Laws: No report

Old Business:

- Correspondence was received from Tarpon Towers regarding extending their agreement for the first right of refusal for the site for the communications tower from April 24, 2021 to April 23, 2022. A motion was made and seconded to agree to a one year extension for Tarpon Tower's agreement from April 24, 2021 to April 23, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- Discussed funding for the costs associated with the replacement of 931 (outside of the approved town budget portion), the purchase of a UTV machine, Sked (patient transport device for the bed) and trailer for transporting.
  - A motion was made and seconded to make a special appropriation, not to exceed \$50,000, to fund the costs associated with the replacement of 931 (outside of the approved town budget portion) and the purchase of a UTV machine, Sked (patient transport device for the bed) and trailer for transporting. The motion carried unanimously.

Good of the Department:

- Discussed the need for an Honor Guard
  - Asked for those members who would like to serve in that capacity to contact G. Skau
- Thanked the members for their outstanding work at the High Street fire
  - Proud of how members responded and handled the situation
  - Those training consistently with Clinton Fire Department members at drills was evident and strongly recommended

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott  
Clerk