

MINUTES  
CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
September 11, 2023

The September 11, 2023 meeting of the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of August 7, 2023:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 7, 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:

- Thank you notes were received from the following:  
Kathy Nicely  
Toni Smith  
Megan Stine  
David Barker

Report of Chiefs

Chief:

- The August stats were as follows:  
220 Total calls  
62 Fire calls  
8 Rescue calls
- There are 45 days left in the statistical year
  - To determine what you are missing, your stats are posted
- The traffic pattern on Route 81 from the I-95 exit to Clinton Crossings has been completed
  - Use caution and pay attention to the reds and greens
- The Cream Pot Road tank is signed off
  - Training will be scheduled
- The Cow Hill Road tank will be signed off shortly and filled with water
- Work continues at the Hesper Pond water tank

Deputy Chief Administration:

- Annual drive totals were reported
- The Fire Department annual drive letter will be mailed out in about 3 weeks
- A notice will be sent out when the flu shots will be available

Deputy Chief:

- Thanked the members for a job well done at the Beach Park Road fire

Deputy Chief EMS:

- The August stats were as follows:  
147 Total EMS calls  
8 Rescue  
8 Gave mutual aid  
12 Received mutual aid – for three 1<sup>st</sup> line ambulances, the remainder for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> line ambulances

- Charts need to be faxed to the Middlesex facility
- You must document all calls, even those cancelled
- Notify Nancy if you are opting out of CT Savings; otherwise, you will automatically be enrolled
- Per Mike Brotz, Lifestar will be landing on September 16, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the Morgan School
- LVAD training on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Assistant Chief: (report given by Chief Manware)

- Drills are scheduled as follows:
  - September 18 Fireground training in Killingworth
  - September 25 Live burn at the DPW facility
  - October 16 Tank shuttle
  - October 21 Live burn at Guilford
  - October 23 NO DRILL
  - October 30 Make up drills

Report of Line Officers:

Captain Headquarters:

- Those who trained on the UTV, your letters have been sent to the Chief
  - If anyone else is interested in UTV training, contact C. Ziembra
- 953 is currently out of service

Captain Glenwood:

- Annual maintenance has been performed on 954 and 962
- 954's foam is out of service

Captain Marine:

- The boat is fine except the pump is out of service
- It has been a busy season

Captain Safety Officer:

- Thanked the members for attending the live burn at the Essex burn facility

Captain EMS:

- Restock the ambulances
- Clean up the ambulances and equipment after every call
- ONLY sharps go in the sharp container
- Contaminated materials go in the hazmat bag

Lt Company 1: No report

Lt Company 2: No report

Lt Aerial:

- Ladder is functioning normally

Lt Rescue: No report

Lt Marine: No report

Lt EMS – 946:

- Sign up for ambulance shifts
- Listen to dispatch when toning a fire call to determine who is available to take the ambulance to a fire call

Lt EMS: No report

Lt EMS: Report already given

Report of Divisions/ Appointed Positions:

Communications Coordinator:

- The pager problem went well

Engineer: No report

Quartermaster: No report

Junior Company: No report

Fire Police: No report

Auxiliary: No report

Committee Reports:

Membership:

- Interviewing one junior member

Finance: No report

Ways and Means:

- Bingo had a very good season
  - Good attendance
  - Good member turnout for at least half of the nights
- Questioned whether the department wanted to have winter Bingo – tabled to a future meeting

House:

- This is the last month to get your work detail credits

Social:

- The adult Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 1, 2023
- The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2023
- The Fire Department, Police Department and DPW will have a catered picnic on Saturday, October 21, 2023

Sick and Welfare: No report

By-Law:

- A clarification of Article VIII, Section 1, Paragraph E, the voting procedures for the EMS lieutenants, was presented and will be posted for members' review
  - This suggested revision will be voted on at the October meeting

Old Business:

- The Town Council approved financing for the new fire boat using a lease purchase program
  - Lyman-Morse Boatbuilding, out of Maine, was selected
  - The boat is estimated to be delivered one year after the signing of the contract

New Business:

- Fire Prevention Week is scheduled for October 8 – 14
  - Open House is scheduled for October 15
- Kris Struzinski invited members to come see the new communications center
- The scarecrow contest is being organized again this year
  - C. Ziemba will chair the creation of the Fire Department's scarecrow
  - Judging will be done October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - The \$25 entrance fee will be paid
- Chief Manware reported on the legislative session bills that will affect firefighters and procedures
  - Such as physicals, issuance of PPE and cleaning of PPE
  - Fire Chiefs will attend an informational session and Chief Manware will report back to the department
- A Thanks for giving food drive is scheduled for on November 4<sup>th</sup> at both Stop and Shop and Shoprite
  - Members and fire trucks will be needed
- The Nominating Committee will be accepting letters for positions at the October meeting
- The October Annual Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the regular department meeting beginning immediately following the close of the Annual Meeting
- Those interested in being on the Nominating Committee with L. Gworek and D. Carroll notify Chief Manware

Good of the Department:

- All members stood for a moment of silence

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott  
Clerk