

MINUTES  
CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
September 12, 2022

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of August 1, 2022:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of August 1, 2022 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 Kerry Castracane and Andrew and Kathy Agemay

Report of Chiefs:

Chief:

- Thanked the members for a job well done at the Clinton Summerfest
- Thanked the membership for a good job at the Nod Road fire (this was a day time fire)
- This will be the last virtual meeting
- Next month is the annual meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the regular meeting starting immediately at the conclusion of the annual meeting
  - The October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting may be a dinner meeting
- Need to set up the Nominating Committee tonight
- The motor for the Zodiac is in and will be installed
  - Training will be scheduled prior to the boat being winterized
- The new 931 is almost ready
- Water tank installation will be done at the following locations:
  - Cream Pot Road
  - Airline Road near the little red schoolhouse
  - Airline Road near Hesper's Pond
  - Schumack Construction will perform the work involved
- At the Veterans Golf Tournament on October 3<sup>rd</sup> help will be needed to raise the flag on 971
- There will be training on Traffic Management at the Newington DOT complex, see Chief Manware if interested
- Old Saybrook Fire Department is hosting the AMTRAK safety training (classroom portion) on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>
- On September 25<sup>th</sup>, Westbrook Fire Department is hosting marina and boat training to be held in Old Saybrook
  - No formal details have been received
- On Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Killingworth Fire Department will hold their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary ball at Parmalee Farms
- Chief Manware is proposing to create two new officer positions as follows:
  - Marine Lieutenant
  - Elected Safety Officer
  - Basic requirements are needed for their positions
  - The policies will require an amendment to include these positions
  - The possibility of adding EMS officers is tabled until the October meeting
- In August, the department responded to 192 total calls
  - 44 fire calls
  - 15 rescue calls

Deputy Chief Administration:

- The Fire annual drive will go out in a week or two
- Flu shots will be given on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. at Fire Headquarters

Deputy Chief:

- PMs are underway
- If something is broken, call or text Deputy Chief Neff

Deputy Chief EMS:

- The department responded to 192 calls in August
  - 130 EMS calls
  - 15 combined calls
  - 11 Received mutual aide
  - 10 Gave mutual aide
- Appreciate members stepping up and filling shifts
- Weekend shifts seem to be a problem to fill

Assistant Chief:

- We are in the last two months of the year for calculations
- Scheduled drills are as follows:
  - Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 – tanker task force drill
  - Monday September 26<sup>th</sup> – hose stretching
  - Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – stabilization – basic
  - Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – liftings
  - Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – preparations for live burns
  - Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. – live burn in Guilford’s training building
  - Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. – live burn in Guilford’s training building

Report of Line Officers:

903 – Captain Headquarters: No report

904 – Captain Glenwood: No report

908 – Captain Marine:

- Bring gloves when going to a bleeding emergency via the boat
  - Gloves cannot be stored on the boat (they deteriorate quickly)

945 – Captain EMS:

- Check blood sugars, as fentanyl is being mixed with insulin
- There is a supply shortage of sterile water – this has been backordered

905 – Lt Company 1: No report

906 – Lt Company 2:

- 954 is out of service

907 – Lt Aerial: No report

909 – Lt Rescue:

- There will be a two-part training for the UTV
  - First part will be operation of truck and trailer backing up
  - Second part will be operations on and off the road

946 – Lt EMS:

- The ambulance has been hired for all games through October, please sign up
- A full ambulance is need for football
- Soccer requires an ambulance through the end of September
- Watch the sign-up log

947 – Lt EMS: No report

948: Lt EMS:

- There will be training on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for splinting
- M. Brotz will be the duty officer on Mondays and R. Denison will be the duty officer on Friday
- Those who ordered Breast Cancer Awareness shirts, anticipated delivery is by October

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:

- A junior membership interview is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Finance: No report

Ways and Means:

- Thanked members who assisted with Bingo
  - Summer was a successful season with 120 players attending the last game
- Whether to hold Winter Bingo was discussed
  - After a lively discussion, it was tabled until next month when a vote will be taken
- The Bucket Drive will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Suggested handing out stickers or medication list
  - Discussed the possibility of holding a summer bucket drive

House:

- A work detail list will be finalized this month

Social:

- Questioned whether members would be interested in an end of summer potluck picnic on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 4 p.m.
  - A motion was made and seconded to proceed with the September 25<sup>th</sup> picnic from 12 to 4 p.m. to be held at Fire Headquarters. The motion carried unanimously.

Sick and Welfare: No report

By-laws: No report

Nominating Committee:

- The Nominating Committee will be comprised by the following members (who volunteered):
  - Marc Gelven
  - Linda Gworek
  - Barbara Hessler
  - Roberts Smith

OLD BUSINESS:

- The tax abatement adjustment has not been discussed or presented
- Met with an attorney to discuss changes needed to hire EMTs to staff the ambulance

NEW BUSINESS:

- Two EMT/EMR refreshers are scheduled for:
  - September 16-18 – beginning Friday at 6 p.m.
  - October 14-16 – beginning Friday at 6 p.m.
- The Paul Dostie KARE Foundation Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Portland Golf Course from 10:30 to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$150 per person
  - A motion was made to have the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department be a green tee sponsor at a cost of \$100. The motion carried unanimously.
- Swan Funeral Home is hosting a Clinton Strong Appreciation Day on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to be held at 80 East Main Street
- Discussed what to do with the corporation owned old 931 apparatus
  - A motion was made and seconded to put it up for sale. The motion carried unanimously.
  - A selling price will be presented at the October meeting
- A letter was received from a member with a number of concerns
  - 12 bullet points of concern were presented

Good of the Department:

- Fire Prevention at Joel School will be held on October 6 and 7
  - Fire Prevention Open House will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>
- The EMS Expo is scheduled and members can get continuing education credits if they attend
- Members are invited to assist at East Clinton Fire District's Steak and Lobster dinner on September 24<sup>th</sup>
- Congratulations were given to Michael Strong for becoming a qualified driver on 996

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott, Clerk