**Town of Goshen-Board of Fire Commissioners**

**Regular Meeting-Goshen Fire House**

**November 6, 2019 7:00PM**

**Present:** Commissioners Donald Sage, and Alternate Tony Damiani

**Excused:** Seth Breakell, and William Lane

**Call Meeting to Order:** ActingChairmanDon Sage called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Alternate Tony Damiani was seated

**Reading of the Minutes**: The Commissioners read the minutes from the October 2, 2019 meeting

**IN A MOTION** made by Tony Damiani and seconded by Don Sage it was **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**Fire Chief’s report**: The Chief reported 31 calls this month. 18 EMS, 5 downed trees/power line issues, 1 Automatic Alarm, 2 CO alarms, 1 major structure fire and 4 MVC.

Engine 1 blew a pump fitting at the structure fire. Firematic came to the firehouse to repair the engine. It was an emergency repair. Engine 1 is back up and running.

The mutual aid and efforts of our members at the structure fire was outstanding. The crews all worked well together to get the fire under control and extinguished. Thanks to the responding members and the mutual aid from Cornwall, Falls Village, Sharon, and Litchfield.

Hose and ladder testing is due and will be scheduled for this month.

The Tillmann family benefit dinner was a success. It ran very smooth with the help of many of our members, community members, field hockey players and family. Thank you to all the members who spent most of the day and evening at the event, setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Shilo and Brandy did a great job organizing the event. The Board of Fire Commissioners also extends their appreciation to all who helped.

**IN A MOTION** made by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damiani it was **VOTED** to accept the Fire Chief’s report as presented. Motion carried.

**Fire Marshall Report:**  The clerk read the Fire Marshal’s report for October 2019.

**IN A MOTION MADE** by Tony Damiani and seconded by Don Sage, it was **VOTED** to accept the Fire Marshal’s report as read. Motion carries.

**Correspondence**: None

**Bills:** All qualifying bills and vouchers were signed. Discussion of bills took place as necessary. The clerk will deliver the bills and vouchers to the fiscal office.

**IN A MOTION** made by Tony Damiani and seconded by Don Sage, **it was VOTED** to approve and pay bills as submitted. Motion carries.

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**Old Business:** A) **Motion** by Don Sage to add capital budget discussion to the agenda seconded by Tony Damiani. Motion carried.

Discussion on the major items the Company would like to budget for in the next fiscal year. Peter presented some prices for equipment and vehicles and the percentage some items generally increases by every year.

There is also the cost of repairs to the outside of the building. The siding needs repair/replacement and the roof needs replacing. These are major expenses.

The Board of Fire Commissioners along with the Officers of the Company would like to invite Selectman Dexter Kinsella to the next meeting. Dexter offered to attend budget discussion meetings as a means for the BOS and BOFC to effectively communicate the budgetary needs of the Company. The Clerk will extend the invitation to Dexter.

**New Business:** A) 2020 meeting schedule.

The Clerk presented the 2020 meeting schedule for approval.

**IN A MOTION** made by Tony Damiani and seconded by Don Sage, it was **VOTED** to approve the 2020 meeting schedule. Motion carried.

**Other business to come before the Board**:

Peter discussed the hose and ladder testing. He reached out to 5 companies but has only received quotes from two. The best price has consistently been from Waterway, they have not changed the cost in 4 years.

The Company is looking for new turnout gear. The gear that most of the members have is outdated. The Company would like to purchase 4 sets, 2 from the most competitive companies, and have 4 members compare them for a few months. The Chief or the Clerk will discuss it with Bob Valentine and purchase orders will be requested.

Tony asked how the painting of the bay doors trim is going. Half of the trim is done. The last 4 doors will need to be done in the spring as it is too cold to paint outside now.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Reilly

Commission Clerk