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

**Regular Meeting-Goshen Fire House**

**January 8, 2020 7:00PM**

**Present:** Commissioners William Lane, Donald Sage, and Alternate Melissa (Lisa) Foster

**Excused:** Tony Damiani

**Call Meeting to Order:** William Lane called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Lisa Foster was seated for Tony Damiani.

**Reading of the Minutes**: The Commissioners read the minutes from the December 16, 2019 special meeting

**IN A MOTION** made by Don Sage and seconded by Lisa Foster it was **VOTED** to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2019 special meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**Fire Chief’s report**: The Fire Chief report was tabled until the Deputy Chief could attend the meeting.

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

**IN A MOTION MADE** by Lisa Foster 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 Don Sage and seconded by Lisa Foster, **it was VOTED** to approve and pay bills as submitted. Motion carries.

**Fire Chief’s Report:** Deputy Chief Peter Bernard gave the report.

The Company responded to 32 calls. 18 EMS, 11 Fire, 3 Fire & Ambulance, EMS Mutual Aid to Cornwall and Torrington and Fire Mutual Aid to Bantam.

The Company recently upgraded the 4 wheeler/ATV trailer. The new trailer is equipped with a side ramp that provides for easier loading/unloading of the quads.

**IN A MOTION** made by Don Sage and seconded by Lisa Foster, **it was VOTED** to accept the report as given. Motion carries.

Old Business: A) Budget Discussion-The proposed budget for the Board of Fire Commissioners was presented with a zero increase.

**IN A MOTION** made by Lisa Foster and seconded by Don Sage, **it was VOTED** to approve the proposed Board of Fire Commissioner’s budget of $2,136.00 for clerk salary and present it to the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen for approval. Motion carries.

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Dexter Kinsella was present as a representative of the Board of Selectmen during budget discussion. The Fire Protection, Rescue and Capital budgets were reviewed in a line by line order. Each item was discussed and notes made with questions for further discussion to be had. The Board found Dexter’s input helpful. It was suggested that a historical average be presented at the next meeting to better project and reflect on a more accurate estimate monies needed for FY 20/21 budgets.

**New Business:** None

**Other Business to Come Before the Board:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm by Don Sage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Reilly

Commission Clerk