

**Town of Goshen-Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 6, 2021 7:00PM**

Present: Chairman William Lane, Donald Sage, Tony Damiani, Alternate Lisa Foster

Others: Chief Barry Hall, Captain Mike Fraher, Selectman Dexter Kinsella, Peter Kujawski

Call Meeting to Order: Bill Lane called the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of September 1, 2021 were reviewed by the Commissioners.

IN A MOTION made by Tony Damiani and seconded by Don Sage, it was **VOTED** to accept the minutes from the September 1, 2021 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carries.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Barry Hall reported that the Company responded to 26 EMS calls, 2 out of town water rescue calls 9 MVA and 9 assorted fire calls for a total of 39 calls this month.

Engine 3 was out at FireMatic for repairs to the pump, lights, and cab. The invoice was just over \$3,600.

The new Utility 4 has been put into service. There has been no cost to the Town for this truck as it was purchased with Company funds through donations. There may be some cost to the Town down the line for outfitting. The former Utility 4, the 1995 Suburban will be sold to offset cost to the Company as that vehicle was also purchased by the Company with its own funds.

The EMT, EMR, bridge class started last night. There are 4 Town residents signed up. This is a program we would like to run once a year to encourage recruitment.

The yearly meeting was held in September for the Company. The slate is the same with the exception of a new Deputy Chief. After decades of service to the Goshen Fire Company, Peter Bernard has stepped down. He moved out of town but will continue to serve as a member. The Company's new Deputy Chief is Jason Watley. Jason has been a member since he was a teenager and has served as a Lieutenant for many years. Scott Benedict has been voted in as a Lieutenant. Scott has served as a Lieutenant in the past and has been active for many years.

Ambulance 8 went to Zeller for new front tires and an alignment. Ambulance 9 will be going down to have an inspection on the front end as it was reported there may be a need for alignment as well.

November 3 our hose and ladder tested is scheduled. This is a yearly test and inspection.

Discussion regarding the Purchase Policy followed. Dexter Kinsella noted that he is in favor of changes to the policy and will inquire about changes. He thought that the threshold was raised but no information was sent out regarding a change. He spoke about the importance of the Fire Company and meeting the needs of the members. It is important to keep the equipment up to date and safe for the members. The members volunteer their time, put in time to train, do drills, leave their jobs and families to go to calls all hours of the day and night and that needs to be recognized. Dexter and Peter share the opinion that the Town should be able to take on some of the administrative duties of the members as far as finding competitive pricing for products and services and grant writing. They would both like to see better dialogue so the Town can help with the needs of the Company and members.

IN A MOTION by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damiani, it was **VOTED** to accept the Fire

Chief's report as presented.

Correspondence: None

Fire Marshal's report: The semiannual report was received. The report for September was received and read by the Clerk. The Clerk reached out to Bob for the August report with no reply as of yet.

IN A MOTION made by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damiani it was **VOTED** to receive the semiannual report as presented. It was commented that the report was put together nicely. Motion carries.

IN A MOTION made by Tony Damiani and seconded by Don Sage, it was **VOTED** to receive the Fire Marshal report for September 2021. Motion carries.

Bills: All qualifying bills and vouchers were reviewed on report provided by the Clerk and vouchers signed. Some bills were received after the report was posted so they are not listed. The Optimum bill from last month was not removed from the report so is listed twice with different dates. Uline and Airgas have been sent tax exempt forms and the prices were adjusted on the vouchers to reflect no tax.

The hose and ladder testing estimate was discussed.

IN A MOTION made by Tony Damiani and seconded by Don Sage it was **VOTED** to appropriate up to \$3,400.00 for hose and ladder testing to be performed by Waterway. Discussion on gathering quotes for this service and history of Waterway performing the yearly testing. Motion carries.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: Bill reviewed the Annual Report that was submitted to the Fiscal Office.

- A. Commission Clerk replacement – Personnel matter discussion to take place in Executive Session 7:37pm – out of Executive Session at 8:01pm no action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: Tony asked about recruiting efforts by the Fire Company. Barry said there are 4 people in the EMT class that will be signing up to be members per the agreement of a 1 year commitment to become a volunteer after passing the exams. There were also 3 new members who were voted in at the September meeting. Bill said that he mentioned that there was a need for EMT's at the last Board of Finance meeting he attended.

IN A MOTION by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damiani, it was **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Reilly
Commission Clerk