

**Town of Goshen-Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 3, 2021 7:00PM**

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

Others: Deputy Chief Jason Watley, Captain Mike Fraher

Call Meeting to Order: Bill Lane called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 2021 were reviewed by the Commissioners.

IN A MOTION made by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damiani, it was **VOTED** to accept the minutes from the October 6, 2021 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carries.

Fire Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Jason Watley reported that the Company responded to 17 EMS calls, 4 MVA and 7 assorted fire calls for a total of 28 calls this month.

EMS class is going well. There are 4 EMT students from Goshen and 1 EMR taking the bridge class. This is a program that the Company would like to continue yearly

The new Northwest Medic 1 is online. They are part of Hartford Healthcare and are housed and dispatched from CHH. They have responded to a couple calls for Goshen and the Northwest corner in general. They have similar equipment and training to what would be found in LifeStar.

The compressor is out of service, waiting on a part to repair it. The oil cap was missing and the machine had run low, almost out of oil. When the cap comes in, the technician will be able to assess any damage.

Tim Baldwin has done a great job helping to get us into compliance with OSHA. We will be looking to add a line item for his services for the years to come. He will be available to do a yearly check up on our OSHA practices and give a report and help with areas in need.

Jason also reported that Barry would like to discuss with the Commissioners adding a line item for food for certain events. Things like the EOC meeting, the pre fair meeting and large fire events that require hours on scene would be covered by this proposed line item.

Hose and ladder testing was completed today. All ladders passed. 150' of 2 ½" hose from Engine 2 failed and 200' of 1 ½" hose from Engine 3 failed. The hose was able to be replaced with reserve hose. Barry would also like to discuss a hose replacement line item at the next meeting.

A big thank you to Dan Lucas for taking the day off to help out with the testing today. It is appreciated!

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 report for August was received and read by the Clerk.

IN A MOTION made by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damiani it was **VOTED** to receive the August report. Motion carries.

The report for October was received and read by the Clerk. A clarification on the B&B on Old Middle Street was requested by the Commissioners. The Clerk will reach out to Bob Diorio for clarification.

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

Bills: All qualifying bills and vouchers were reviewed on report provided by the Clerk and vouchers signed.

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: A. Commission Clerk - Personnel matter discussion to take place in Executive Session 7:17pm – out of Executive Session at 7:32pm. In the discussion related to the position of Commission Clerk, it was agreed that the Clerk, Erin Reilly would rescind her resignation to the Board and continue to serve as Clerk.

IN A MOTION made by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damiani, it was **VOTED** to accept Erin Reilly rescinding her notification of resignation and to continue serving as Clerk. Motion carries.

New Business: A. Yearly meeting schedule: The yearly meeting schedule was reviewed and accepted.

IN A MOTION made by Tony Damiani and seconded by Don Sage, it was **VOTED** to accept the proposed 2022 meeting schedule noting the meetings on the first Wednesday of every month. Motion carries.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: The mold on the front of the building was discussed and cleaning options reviewed. The Company may try to clean with bleach and water possibly using the fire apparatus.

It was noted that, from the allocation to the Town of Goshen from the American Recovery Plan, funds were allocated, by Town meeting, to the replacement of an ambulance and the replacement of an engine. The understanding is the funds have not been deposited into Town coffers but the Federal money is earmarked for distribution in June of 2022.

IN A MOTION by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damiani, it was **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Reilly
Commission Clerk