

**Town of Goshen-Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Meeting-Via Zoom
Wednesday, January 6, 2021 7:00PM**

Present: Donald Sage, Tony Damiani, and Alternate Melissa Foster

Excused: Chairman William Lane

Others: Chief Barry Hall, William Gelormino, and Peter Bernard

Call Meeting to Order: Don Sage called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Alternate Melissa Foster was sat as a regular member for Bill Lane.

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of December 2, 2020 were reviewed by the Commissioners.

IN A MOTION made by Tony Damiani and seconded by Lisa Foster, it was **VOTED** to accept the minutes from the December 2, 2020 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carries.

Fire Chief's Report: Tabled until Chief arrives.

Correspondence: None.

Fire Marshal's report: The report for December was reviewed by the Clerk.

IN A MOTION made by Lisa Foster and seconded by Tony Damiani, it was **VOTED** to accept the Fire Marshal's report as read. Motion carries.

Bills: All qualifying bills and vouchers were reviewed on report provided by the Clerk. The report was submitted with the agenda on the Town website.

IN A MOTION made by Tony Damiani and seconded by Lisa Foster, it was **VOTED** to accept and pay all bills as submitted on the report. Motion carries

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Hall reported that there were 30 calls this month; 24 EMS, 5 assorted fire related dispatches, and 1 MVA. The total calls for 2020 was 345 which is a 10% increase from the 313 calls last year (2019). It seems like over the last few years the call load has been trending up.

Vaccines for Covid 19 have been made available to EMS and Fire first responders. The priority was given to those who make the most calls on a regular basis or who may come in contact with patients on a call. Level 2 administrations will begin next week. Due to HIPPA, the Company cannot ask who has been vaccinated. It would be voluntary if the members shared that information.

IN A MOTION made by Tony Damiani and seconded by Lisa Foster, it was **VOTED** to accept the Chief's report as presented. Motion carries. Tony Damiani wanted to take the opportunity to thank all the responders that helped with the ambulance call for his dad on Christmas Day. It was much appreciated.

Old Business: A. Door locks – A code has been given to the State Police for entry but all other entries will be by card or fob and members only. The building is secure.

New Business: A. Commissioner, Operating and Capital Budget discussion –The Commissioner’s budget was discussed and it was decided to hold the budget at the current amount for the Clerk wages.

IN A MOTION by Tony Damiani and seconded by Lisa Foster, it was **VOTED** to accept the current budget amount for the Fire Commissioners budget of \$2,179.00. Motion carries.

Operating and Capital budgets were discussed, however for any changes or modifications it was decided to hold a Special meeting so that Chairman Bill Lane could be present for discussion. Items including, Hurst tool replacement, hose replacement, truck/engine replacement and security camera system were discussed.

B. FEMA grant period open: The Clerk is aware that the grant period is open. This year there is just not enough time for the clerk to complete a grant. There have been unforeseen professional obligations that are taking any additional time she may have been able to commit to grant writing this year.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: None

IN A MOTION by Tony Damiani and seconded by Lisa Foster, it was **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Reilly
Commission Clerk