

**Town of Goshen-Board of Fire Commissioners  
Regular Meeting-Via Zoom  
Wednesday, March 3, 2021 7:00PM**

**Present:** Chairman William Lane, Donald Sage, and Tony Damiani

**Excused:** Alternate Melissa Foster

**Others:** Chief Barry Hall, Company President Bill Gelormino, Deputy Chief Peter Bernard, and Deputy Fire Marshal Robert Diorio

**Call Meeting to Order:** Bill Lane called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

**Reading of the Minutes:** The minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 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 February 3, 2021 regular meeting as submitted. Motion carries.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Barry reported another slow month for the Fire Company. It has been difficult getting EMS crews to respond to calls. There were 18 calls. 15 EMS, 1 MVA, 1 Automatic Alarms and 1 CO alarm. All equipment is up and running.

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

Bill Lane, out of courtesy to the applicant for Fire Marshal, moved section 8 – A Fire Marshal, discussion to this point in the meeting.

Due to personnel discussion, the Board entered into Executive session at 7:07pm

The Board exited Executive session at 7:22pm

Bob Diorio rejoined the meeting. Bill Lane discussed, for the record, that Executive session was called to consider the application of Robert Diorio as Fire Marshal for the Town of Goshen to replace the retired Bill Baldwin. Connecticut State Statute mandates the Board of Fire Commissioners as the appropriate board for hiring a Fire Marshal. The Commissioners are cognizant of the requirement in the Statute that, if there is a member of the Fire Company that is qualified, preference be given to that person. There is no knowledge of anyone in the Company that has the qualifications to obtain the position.

**IN A MOTION** by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damiani it was **VOTED** that the Town of Goshen hire Mr. Diorio as Fire Marshal. Motion to retain Robert Diorio as the new Fire Marshal for the Town of Goshen is approved.

Bill Lane relayed to Mr. Diorio that the Fiscal Office forwarded an email from the ATF in regards to magazines that the clerk will forward to Mr. Diorio now that he has been appointed.

**Correspondence:** Discussed with Mr. Diorio

**Fire Marshal's report:** The report for February 2021 was reviewed by the Clerk.

**IN A MOTION** made by Don Sage 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. Discussion on McKesson and HydroTechnologies bills as those companies have been contacted to clarify the invoice charges and dates.

**IN A MOTION** made by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damiani, it was **VOTED** to accept and pay bills as submitted on the report with the exception of HydroTechnologies and McKesson, as they are being researched. Motion carries

**Old Business:** A. Review and Revise Commissioner's Budget – Peter Bernard reviewed the drafted budgets for final approval by the Commissioners. One item was added to the Capital budget, which was requested by the Chief at the last meeting but omitted on the draft, Hurst Tool replacement for \$20,000.00. Item added.

**IN A MOTION** made by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damiani, it was **VOTED** to submit the Rescue, Protection and Capital budgets to the Board of Finance with the addition of the Hurst Tool for \$20,000 to the Capital budget. Motion carries.

**New Business:** – Moved to beginning of meeting and discussed.

**OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:** None

Bill Lane offered one final thank you and congratulations to Mr. Diorio as the new Fire Marshal.

**IN A MOTION** by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damiani, it was **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Reilly  
Commission Clerk