

**Town of Goshen-Board of Fire Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting-Via Zoom**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:00PM**

**Present:** Commissioners William Lane, Donald Sage, Tony Damiani, Alternate Melissa Foster

**Others:** Chief Barry Hall

**Call Meeting to Order:** William Lane called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**Reading of the Minutes:** The Commissioners read the minutes from the May 6, 2020 meeting

**IN A MOTION** made by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damiani it was **VOTED** to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**Fire Chief's report:** The Company responded to 28 calls in April. 22 EMS, 1 Dive team, and 5 fire including a structure fire as mutual aid to Cornwall.

DOT and annual inspections are being done and Engine 1 was the most recent to be complete.

ERPC (Emergency Patient Relief CVR) hoods were ordered to use to protect EMS from airborne particulates during patient care. The main purpose is to put a barrier between EMS and patient during Covid-19.

Barry also discussed the Fire Company utilizing Google classroom for training even though members are not in the firehouse. Captain Fraher has been running online drills every Wednesday night. The Company is doing its best to keep members up to date and learning.

The Fire Company is involved in the Wamogo graduation on June 15 and Litchfield's graduation at the Goshen Fire grounds.

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

**Correspondence:** None

**Fire Marshall Report:** None

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

**IN A MOTION** made by Don Sage and seconded by Tony Damini, it was **VOTED** to accept the bill and pay all bills as submitted on the report. Motion carries. The Board unanimously approved all the bills listed and in lieu of the old practice of signing each bill as an expression of approval, the verbal approval is a sign of approval.

**Old Business:** Protection and Rescue budgets from the Fiscal office were included in the meeting for review. There are there are line items that are over budget but the overall budget is under. Barry and Erin go weekly to pick up PPE supplies for fire side and EMS side from the State. The regular medical suppliers are still out of some of the PPE ordered

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months ago. There should be at least 3 more pick up dates for PPE. Barry feels we are in good shape for supplies but the fall may bring an increase in demand for PPE.

Chairman Lane noted the DOT inspections mentioned always take place this is the time of year but those expenses were not taken from the budget yet. That will affect the Protection budget Truck maintenance line item, but it looks like the overall budget will still be under 100%.

Don Sage inquired about something he read in the paper about bringing back the Capital for the Fire Company. Bill Lane commented that some of the members of the Board of Finance have some distress about not following the Town Meeting- Public Hearing on the approval of the budget. Once there is a better handle what the revenue income will be in the coming year and revenues are healthy enough, BOF would like to start reinstating some of the Capital budgets in full or in part for next fiscal year.

As a matter of discussing procedure, an emergency Capital request need would go to Board of Finance, with a copy sent to Board of Selectmen, for approval on an emergency basis.

Barry noted that the deductible for the insurance on the ambulance bay door was more than the cost of the repair, so the bill was paid out of budget.

**New Business:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Erin Reilly  
Commission Clerk

Received June 8, 2020 @ 9:00 A. M.

Attest Barbara Z. Bueh  
Goshen Town Clerk