

Bethel Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting
Minutes of August 6, 2009

- Roll Call
- Meeting called to order at 8:11 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of silence for departed members

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1. Treasurers Report:

- Checking Balance: \$ 109,840.09
- Saving Balance: \$ 87,003.72
- Mutual Fund Bal: \$ 59,118.80

2. Officers Report:

- 10 new bottles on engine 5 – 7 spares on rescue
- Engine 6 and brush truck running well
- Letters received from both Captain, due to not being able to attend meeting
- August drills
 - o August 10th – Review of ropes and knots
 - o August 24th – Back injury
- Additional make up drills are available
- Looking at hosting a tanker drill later in the year
- Per Car 6, tires on ambulance repaired
- Lieutenants are responsible for the full checks and supply checks on each vehicle

3. Ambulance Report / EMS report: (will now be combined)

- Top 10 EMS responders list posted
- August drill – respiratory emergency
- Restock ambulance after all calls

4. Pension Report:

- Tax abatement checks should be coming out soon, no taxes should be taken out check
- Pension meeting being held at Thursday – August 13th at 7 pm at Stony Hill Fire Dept. Going to go over all of those members who are currently in the Pension program and making any additions or deletions. Deadline for submitting the accurate list is 8/31/09.
- After all the paperwork in settled and we are up to date, they would like to put together a 1 page summary of what members can expect from these programs.

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- Both Debbie Studwell from Stony Hill FD and Bruce has been working with VFIS (insurance company) to try and get the Town of Bethel all of the information they need in order to process some past due invoices. Once again, the Town of Bethel has been delinquent on a few large invoices going back some months.
- 5. Entertainment Report:
 - Family Picnic scheduled for September 6th
 - Invitations are needed – secretary to help committee
- 6. Fund Drive Report:
 - Fund drive to date – a little over \$30,000.00
- 7. House Committee:
 - 2 members held over for August
- 8. Museum Committee:
 - NO REPORT
- 9. Parade Committee:
 - Several parades coming up – list are posted in coffee room
- 10. Room Committee:
 - No report
- 11. Scholarship Committee:
 - Next Fundraiser to be held on September 12th – Car show in Redding – all help would be appreciated. Help needed for Friday and Saturday.
- 12. Sickness and Accident Committee:
 - NO REPORT / NO CLAIMS
- 13. Truck Committee:
 - NO REPORT
- 14. CT Fireman's Associations:
 - September 19th – CT convention
 - Delegate – Ed Bruey
 - Alternate Delegate – Steve Lane

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15. Uniform Committee:

- T-shirt order is being placed - Anyone who owes money please submit as soon as possible.

16. Public Relations / Fire prevention:

- NO REPORT

17. Board of Directors:

- No motions made, no voted taken

18. Application for membership:

- Zachary Retalis – new cadet member
- Bobby Friscia – 1st reading – company voted to take normal course of action

19. Bills against the company:

20. Unfinished Business:

21. New Business:

- Rev. Pople was wondering if you would like to have a September 11th remembrance. Company felt it is important to make sure an observance was held. Rev. Pople to arrange, following member to help – Link Hurgin, Steve Lane, Bill Cadella.
- Purchase of (2) Stryker stretchers;
 - o Total cost to purchase the new stretchers would be \$21,175.20 (\$10,467.60/ each). Motion made on the floor to purchase the (2) new demo model stretchers. Motion made by Joe Schaad, second by Jen Mitchell. Vote take by company, the I's have it. Company to purchase the 2 stretchers. Money to be taken from the EMS operations and Memorial accounts.
- Scott Sanford submitted a letter for a 3 month medical leave. Granted by company.
- Bob Cadella – requested a 3 month leave of absence. Leave granted by company

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- Personal issues: Members have been requested to appear before the BOD.
- Bill Cadella requested to be added onto the Bylaw committee
 - o Committee Members as follows
 - Michael Mitchell
 - Joe Schaad
 - Dan Hatt
 - Bill Cadella

22. Correspondence:

- Bethel Family Picnic will be held on Sept. 6th – At Bennett Property
- Discuss building renovation status
- Fairfield County Chiefs Meeting is schedule to be held Sept. 26th
- Received letter from Connor Rieve, per letter Connor is electing to paint 270 fire hydrants in Bethel as part of a Quartermaster Award, which is the highest rank in Sea Scouts. Company voted to send a donation to Connor in the amount \$100.00, with a request to keep up posted on his progress.
- Bill Cadella, wanted to express his disgust with some members in reference to letter/emails
- Thank you from St. Thomas Church, pertaining to fire alarm

23. House Committee for upcoming month assigned

24. Meeting adjourned : 9:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeannine M. Bruey
Company Secretary