

Bethel Volunteer Fire Department

Board of Director's Minutes

Date: 4-3-14

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Call to Order:

The company meeting of the Bethel Volunteer Fire Department was called to order at 1910 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Departed Members

Roll Call:

The following members were present: **Mike Allegretto, Nick Bennette, Daniel Bishop, Ed Bruey, Jeannine Bruey, Rosanna Burgos, Michael Connors, Bruce Cornwell, Gail Clark, Andrew Davis, Danny Fredericks, Joshua Garby, Kristyn Hyland, Chief Fred Ingram, Eunice Kennedy, LT Ray Kennedy, James Kiley, Lucio LaDuca, Captain Andy Matturro, Tomas Miglietta, William Milkovic, Mike Mitchell, Chris Morris, Assistant Chief Scott Murphy, Mario Olibeira, Ira Pollack, Keisha Quinonez, Thomas Reidy, Chief Engineer Anthony Rongetti, LT Brendan Ryan, Assistant Chief Joe Schaad, Regina Yacko**

The following retired members were present: **Daniel Hatt, Jack Hawkins, Past Chief Pete Holmberg, Pat Morton, Clarence Rees**

The following guest speakers were present: **None**

Past Minutes Read

- Accepted as read

Treasurer's Report (Bruce Cornwell):

- Accepted as read

Officer's Report (Chief Ingram):

- LT Gerstenmaier has created a new gear inventory sheet
- Need 5 more people for EUV class
- Any issues with cadets/probationary members please see LT Gerstenmaier
- LT Ryan looking to do a high school PR event to attract new members
- A1 running well since repairs
- Hosting EMS Olympics
- 5k run on April 10th, looking for EMS crew for coverage
- Two EMS crews and Rescue crew seeked for July 4th Firecracker Race
- 48 hours notice needed for Vintech cancellation
- Pay attention to the address dispatched, issues with members repeatedly asking for the correct address
- Nick Bennette red tagged for 15 days by Fire Captain for SCBA performance
- Discussed uniform issues
- SCBA Make-up April 14, 28th will be vehicle extrication with new hurst cutters and paratech struts
- May drills will involve ladders, June will be Hazmat
- Waiting on 7 work shirts to be printed, T-Shirts currently being printed
- Problem with portable radios on wrong channels
- If trucks go out, they are to be washed now that the weather is warmer

- Waiting on Fire Report from Danbury Engine 5
- When responding to MVAs, try to park all vehicles in the lane that the accident is unless conditions warrant blocking the road
- Help will be needed on Saturday overnights as I will be not be available shortly
- Two SCBA bottles missing
- Great job at the Greenwood Ave Fire
- Unreported damage was found on A1
- Discussed specs for new Engine 5
- All trucks had annual service and DOT tests
- Ladder testing scheduled for next week

Committee Reports:

Ambulance Report (LT Kennedy):

- 101 calls
 - 4 mutual aid Stony Hill
 - 5 m/a Danbury
 - 1 m/a Newtown
- Please sign up as we would like to cancel Vintech staffing as much as possible
- Sign up as a crew, not as a 3rd member
- Vintech crew of 1 made 61 calls, crew of 2 made 48 calls

CT Fireman's Association Report (Clarence Rees):

- Successfully stopped bill 449 which pushes EMS personnel to take control of a scene from fire service members
- Convention in September in Litchfield

EMS Report (Gail Clark):

- April 12 Road Race in Town
- April 16th hosting EMS Supervisor's meeting
- Please sign up for the holiday shifts in April
- Problem with getting the 2nd run ambulance out

LOSATP (Gail Clark):

- Clarence and I are have an appointment with Martin Lawlor regarding LOSAT issues

Entertainment (Keisha Quine):

- Thank you for your help at the annual dinner
- Memorial Day events will be taken care of by Eunice Kennedy
- Annual Picnic will be July 13th
Attendance issue discussed

Fire Prevention (LT Ryan):

- Two classes with St. Mary's Pre-K
- Birthday party attended

Fund Drive:

- Mailings set to go out

Grievance:

- *No Report*

Museum (Pat Morton):

- Mack went out for work
- Dickie and Walt have been making a lot of progress
- Air conditioner or dehumidifier suggested for Museum

Parade (LT Kennedy):

- RSVPing "no" to all current invitations

Public Relations (LT Ryan):

- No Report

Scholarship (Bruce Cornwell):

- No Report

Sickness and Accident (Bruce Cornwell):

- No Report

Truck (Chief Ingram):

- Engine 5 will be replaced this year
- Final specs should be back in a few days
- Sutphen will be making the engine
- Ambulance committee has come up with a plan to replace A1 with an ambulance similar to A2 except with a gas powered engine

Uniform (Captain Bruey):

- Submitted budget in January, haven't heard anything regarding approval

Board of Director's Report (James Kiley):

- Accepted as read

Applications for Membership (James Kiley):

- Voted into membership: Joshua Garby, Andrew Davis, Kristyn Hyland
- Applications received from Olivia Wilson and Colleen Murphy
1st readings not been made yet

Bills Against The Company (Bruce Cornwell):

- Dues collected
- No other dues

Old Business:

- *Clarence Rees*: Sherri Holmberg needs areas set up for the practical exam stations and needs help with the EMS Olympics
- *Clarence Rees*: EMS Expo expenses were over our projections \$1164.95 due to an additional attendee
Tabled due to lack of information
- *Clarence Rees*: Uniform budget proposed for \$10,470

Motion to accept uniform budget by Jack Hawkins, seconded by Dan Hatt

♣ Motion passes

- Motion to transfer \$50,000 from Fund Drive to an American Bond Account
- Motion to spend up to \$10,000 for EMS officers to spend on EMS equipment by Chief Ingram, seconded by Eunice Kennedy

Motion passes

- Motion to spend up to \$2250 for Memorial Day Services by Captain Matturro, seconded by LT Ryan

Correspondence:

- Motion to send a \$100 donation to Diocese of Norwich

New Business:

- *Chief Ingram:* Several members have left or were dismissed from training classes, names to be forwarded to Secretary
- *Chief Ingram:* Kyle Klein has been removed from a Firefighter 1 course, who signed an educational contract stating that a member is to be dismissed if payment is not received within 7 days
Payment yet to be received, recommended for Kyle Klein to be dismissed in bad standing
Company accepted as read
- *Chief Ingram:* Motion to spend \$172,245 on a new ambulance
Motion does not pass; 12 yes, 18 no
- *Chief Ingram:* Motion to spend \$8,000 to address A1's engine issues
Ray Kennedy amended motion, looking to spend up to \$10,000; seconded by Mike Mitchell
- *Ray Kennedy:* Motion to form fact finding committee on obtaining an EMS Duty Car
President appointed Ray Kennedy, Gail Clark, Anthony Rongetti, and Regina Yacko

Good and Welfare:

- *Bruce Cornwell:* New South St pump station has been approved for \$225,000, estimated additional \$300,000 to be approved
- *Pat Morton:* Second Saturday in May, canned food drive for USPS
- *Jeannine Bruey:* Help needed for Memorial Day flowers
- *Danny Fredericks:* Keisha finished in 2nd place in her pageant

Meeting adjourned at 2104