

# MEETING MINUTES

Bethel Volunteer Fire Department  
Thursday, May 2, 2024 | 7:00 pm

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1. Call to Order: 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Attendance
5. Public Comment: None
6. Chief's Reports:
  - A regular meeting of the officers was held on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. There were 11 officers present and President Evanuska. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm and adjourned at 8:23 pm.
  - The Fire 2 class and the Fire Instructor 2 Class will be ending shortly.
  - The Q class is continuing as planned with the candidates working to become licensed to drive and operate the apparatus.
  - The annual testing of ladders, hose, and nozzles is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are available to help on that day it would be greatly appreciated.
  - A reminder to everyone no names over the airwaves, please remember to use the radio and apparatus designations. Also, I'd like to remind everyone that Monday night is drill night please make every effort to attend.
  - Bethel Fire will once again be marching in the Bethel Memorial Day parade, on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> the schedule for the day will be posted soon.
  - At a special meeting of the Board of Selectman today, it was voted unanimously to support the purchase of a Pierce Ladder Truck for SHFD. One final hurdle remains which hopefully will be accomplished tomorrow at 1 pm when the truck will officially become available for purchase at which time the Pierce representative will be requesting that it be earmarked for SHFD.
  - The next scheduled officers meeting is Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. Officers' Report
  - Training in April:
    - -rope rescue introduction (1<sup>st</sup> Monday)
    - -brush fire introduction (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)
    - -rope rescue at high school (combo drill)
    - -DEEP presentation with Mike Cronic (bonus 5<sup>th</sup> Monday)
  - Overall, very good attendance – thank you for showing up

- Special thanks to TJ, Shawn, Max, and Dave for assistance with ropes drills, Doug E for brush fire, and Ed for coordinating DEEP visit
- We are in our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter – keep active and keep at it
- Ed Bruey looks to have passed Instructor 2 (awaiting confirmation from State)
- May will focus on bread-and-butter firefighter skills, with emphasis on SCBA confidence and engine ops – warm weather is here, get ready to work outside
- Proud of our Cadets for the hard work they are putting in and learning these skills – keep it up
- Planning on scheduling 2 live burns by end of June. Details to follow. 1 will be a Sunday morning, the other TBD – I expect people to prioritize these so we show up as a team
- This week is Fallen Firefighter Memorial Week – think about those before us who have made the ultimate sacrifice.
- I am looking for members interested in assisting with building some training props, both indoors and out. As we look at our budget for the remainder of the year I will have more details.

8. Town Funded Programs presented by Gail Clark

- Anyone eligible for the tax abatement, Gail has paperwork for you to sign.

9. Adjournment of Town Meeting: 7:09 PM

- Motion to adjourn by Brendan Ryan, seconded by Rory Thompson

Respectfully Submitted;

Jeannine Bruey  
Company Secretary