



FIRE COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. – Meeting Rm A
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT 06801
Hybrid meeting via Google Meet

Present: Chair Fred Ingram, Tony Rubino, Doug Cuny, Todd Smith, Chief McCollam and Chief Baker

Absent: Rich Straiton

Chair, Fred Ingram called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Consideration of approval of special meeting minutes from April 24, 2024:

Motion made by Doug Cuny, seconded by Todd Smith, to approve the special meeting minutes from April 24, 2024 as recorded. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Consideration of approval of special meeting minutes from May 1, 2024:

Motion made by Doug Cuny, seconded by Tony Rubino, to approve the special meeting minutes from May 1, 2024 as recorded. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report:

- Both ladder truck and command vehicle for the SHFD have been ordered
- Completed 10-year capital tire plan to submit to the Finance Dept.
- Chief's need to get complete inventory of SEBA bottles and dates of them needing to be replaced

Motion made by Tony Rubino, seconded by Doug Cuny, to accept the Chairman's Report. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Chief's Reports:

BVFD:

- Training is on-going
- Had a live burn this past weekend
- Working draft of House Bill No. 5483
- Haven't received all the bills and reports from the truck inspections
- Some trucks have their 3-year break checks coming up

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Motion made by Tony Rubino, seconded by Doug Cuny, to accept Chief McCollam's report. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

SHFD:

- All trucks have been inspected and repaired
- Waiting for reports and bills to come back from inspections
- Large bills coming in for doors at the Firehouse
- Memorial Day parade prep
- Did elevator training
- Students are in EMT class

Motion made by Tony Rubino, seconded by Doug Cuny, to accept Chief Baker's report. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Review of year-to-date financials for both departments:

Fred Ingram and the Commission addressed questions to both Chief's about certain items in the report for clarification. Chief Baker had a new member that needed new gear specifically to fit them. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Todd Smith, seconded by Tony Rubino, to accept the year-to-date financials for both departments. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Review of annual apparatus inspections and pump tests for both departments:

Fred Ingram asked if there are any possible red flags about the tests that have been done. Chief Baker stated that Engine 3 was there for 3 weeks but it is back and everything is good but curious on what the final number for that would be.

Motion made by Fred Ingram, seconded by Tony Rubino, to move the agenda item to the next regular meeting in June. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion on duties of the Fire Commission Chapter 13-6 Section A:

Tony Rubino addressed the Commission about his thoughts and concerns about moving forward with making decisions about fire apparatus'. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Tony Rubino, seconded by Doug Cuny, to accept the discussion of the duties of the Fire Commission as discussed. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Fred Ingram, seconded by Doug Cuny, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kasey Galbis

Recording Secretary