

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018
MINUTES

Chairwoman Cheryl Udin convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse. Commission members present were John Morianos, Robert Langton and John Roback. Chris Moquin was absent. Chief Bruce Dixon and Interim Fire Marshal James Rupert were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion to approve the March 26, 2018 minutes. (JM/JR)
V.U.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS – Bills that were paid in March were circulated.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF

- The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department answered 34 emergency calls since March 26, 2018. These calls included six motor vehicle accidents, numerous medical calls and several mutual aid requests from Manchester, Vernon and Glastonbury. Also assisted Coventry at a tractor trailer vs. car on Route 6. Brush fire season has started with one acre fire on Route 6 up a very steep incline.
- Tanker 234 is in WI and the factory management is in regular communication with the Chief Dixon regarding their progress.
- The annual maintenance on the apparatus is ongoing with annual pump recertification, DOT testing and aerial ladder maintenance. Testing on ET334 and R134 has been completed. Truck 134 will go out of town the first week of April.
- Chief Dixon attended the New England Fire Chiefs' Meeting in Portsmouth, NH for two days at the beginning of April. Chief Dixon, Deputy Chief Pete Morra and Municipal Representative John Morianos attended the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service's Chiefs' meeting in Andover. The next county meeting will be in Bolton, the third year anniversary of the Heritage Barn fire.

- The Parks Department has done an excellent job waxing all of the tile floors in the fire house.
- This year, the Everyday Hero CT volunteer firefighter recruitment program celebrated its third annual Volunteer Firefighter Day in Connecticut. Created to generate statewide awareness and visibility for the need for volunteers, our department held an Open House on April 21, 2018. Many of our members set up displays of apparatus, equipment for firefighting and emergency medical calls and did a hands on demonstration of extrication on two vehicles and even had a dalmatian bounce house for the children. Food and beverages were also enjoyed by all while they watched slide shows and videos the department had taken over the last year. A number of businesses contributed to this event which over 100 people attended, and we did get several applications for membership.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

- Interim Fire Marshal James Rupert (IFMJR) started to contact owners of multi-family occupancies for inspections. Some have indicated that they know there are improvements necessary before the inspection and are working on them. Deputy Fire Marshal Volkert has agreed to assist with those inspections.
- All gas permits for the town buildings have been inspected and closed.
- (IFMJR) witnessed the removal of the oil tank at the town garage. The only buried oil tank left is at the Fire Department which will be removed once the oil is used.
- (IFMJR) responded to more non-permitted burns.
- (IFMJR) put an article regarding burning permits in the Bolton Bulletin which has resulted in an uptick of permit activities and will hopefully result in fewer non-permitted burns.
- (IFMJR) is continuing to work on the ad hoc committee for the development of the fire code.
- (IFMJR) responded to a brush fire at 522 Hop River Road which was the result of burning leaves on a windy day.
- (IFMJR) found a second non-permit burn at 82 South Road while returning from the 522 Hop River Road incident and required them to extinguish it.
- (IFMJR) scheduled an inspection for the new alarm system at 201 Boston Turnpike.
- The bill regarding consumer fireworks has died in the legislature.

- In general the beginning of an inspection program has yielded good results. We have seen many improvements in a fairly short period of time. To date most of the inspections have been the result of requests due to state permitting renewals or referrals from the fire department. Those will continue to happen but we will be focusing on the residential occupancies and places of assembly because they pose the highest life safety risk.

OLD BUSINESS – The budgets were discussed briefly.

NEW BUSINESS – None

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M. (JR/RL) V.U.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Assard
Board Clerk

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TO THESE MINUTES.