

**BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020  
VIA ZOOM PLATFORM – 7:00 P.M.**

Chairman John Morianos convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:09 P.M. Via ZOOM Platform. Commission members present were Robert Langton, Chris Moquin, John Roback and Cheryl Udin. Fire Chief Bruce Dixon, Fire Marshal James Rupert and Deputy Fire Marshal Bill Call were also in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Motion to table the approval of minutes from February 24, 2020 meeting (CU/CM) V.U. No meeting was held in March, due to COVID-19.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** – Bills that were paid in March and April were discussed in detail by Chief Dixon.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF**

- During the months of February, March, and April the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVDF) responded to 125 emergency calls, which included: 7 motor vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle fire, 10 storm related, 3 structure fires, 7 mutual aid, 6 brush fires and 2 CPR's.
- The current budget continues to be spent down. R134, ET334, Truck 134 and Tanker 234 have had their annual DOT inspections, pumps tested as applicable apparatus, additional repairs as required.
- The COVID-19 events have required the BVFD members to make changes in how they approach our types of service that we provide to our community. The membership has new masks, been advised on how to properly don and doff PPE, and how to approach all calls with respect to this virus. We are decontaminating our equipment and apparatus, we have ordered, continue to solicit and have received N95/P100 masks, gowns and face shields. We have recommissioned hazmat suits. Our staff has designed and built a wide area spray system for decontaminating the apparatus. We are training and having meetings via the ZOOM platform. Chief Officers are attending many virtual meetings in town, the county and within the state to stay on top of the latest data and networking on handling many different situations.
- The Bolton Highway Department, assisted by several very good friends from MDC, have installed two fire hydrants piped together in our training area.

- The BVFD continues to explore the installation of a memorial garden and electronic sign board. Both items will benefit the community, both spiritually and through better communications to the residents.
- The BVFD worked with the Women's Auxiliary, the Senior Center, Recreation Department and staff from the school administration to escort the Easter Bunnies around our entire town in 2.5 hours the day before Easter. There were many smiles in the apparatus and any that were seen outside on the streets in Bolton. This event was done due to cancelation of the Bunny Breakfast and the restrictions on groups during this COVID-19 event and our desire to bring some joy to the community while so many were quarantined at home.
- The Annual Meeting is scheduled for next Monday evening, May 4, 2020 via ZOOM. The Annual Banquet will be scheduled in the future as the restrictions on this virus are lifted.
- The Bolton Firehouse is lit up in blue lights at night in recognition and appreciation of the essential workers going above and beyond during this pandemic.

**FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT** – Due to COVID-19 inspections have not occurred. Bill Call is working on a spreadsheet for upcoming inspections. Jim will be picking up some masks from the National Guard tomorrow.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Cheryl Udin asked about the status of the electronic sign in front of the firehouse. Chief Dixon remarked that the project is ongoing and will have an update at the next meeting in May.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Nominations from the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department was mentioned. Motion to approve the nomination for Bruce Dixon as Fire Chief and Michael Eremita as Deputy Fire Chief. (CU/RL) VU.

Next meeting scheduled for May 18, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:41 p.m. (JM/RL) V.U.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Kurys Assard*

Board Clerk

PLEASE SEE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETING FOR APPROVAL/CORRECTIONS TO THESE MINUTES.

