

BOLTON FIRE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024

BOLTON FIRE HOUSE – 7:00 P.M. and Via Zoom

Fire Commission Chairman John Morianos convened the Bolton Fire Commission meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Bolton Fire House.

Commission members present was Robert Langton, Chris Moquin, Danny Moquin and Elizabeth Malone. Also present was Fire Marshall Bill Call and Chief Bruce Dixon.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE – Letter from Elizabeth C. Waters, CCTC, town clerk dated June 17, 2024 regarding the Election of Officers for the Fire Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve the May 24, 2024 meeting minutes (CM/DM) VU.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Bills that were paid in June were distributed and circulated.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF –

- 47 emergency calls for the past month including 6 motor vehicle accidents and 2 mutual aids.
- Vehicle Maintenance: All apparatus have passed their annual inspections, including DOT, pump, and ladder testing. Hose testing has been done with only 2 lengths taken out of service.
- Rescue 134 has had an ongoing problem with the disappearance of antifreeze. After doing oil samples by HO Penn, Stewart and Stevenson took the truck in and determined that the oil cooler seals on the engine block were leaking as was the transmission oil cooler. Both have been repaired and or replaced for \$13,616.00.
- Firefighter personal SCBA fit testing was done and all SCBA air packs passed annual inspection except for two. Repairs were covered under warranty. 20 sets of turnout gear have been professionally washed and dried by a company specializing in this. This cleaning meets the OSHA requirements for maintenance to help prevent cancer in our interior firefighters. We have contracted with this company to repeat this process in one year.
- The Bolton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) conducted a live burn drill at night with the Coventry Fire EMS at the Eastern CT Fire School.

- Budget: With a lot of vehicle testing, member physicals and equipment testing this year's budget has been spend right down to just about no monies left. We did order new portable radios to replace many of our older portables. A number of the older radios have failed leaving members without communications on an emergency scene. The BVFD had applied for two FEMA grants in the last 3 years and we were turned down. The BVFD has also requested new radios through the town's Capital Expense program dating back to 2019. This request exceeds \$100,000. There has been no action with the Capital program to date. These new radios have been purchased with the concern for the safety of the members first and foremost. Additional items targeted for purchase this year were put on hold to upgrade our radios.
- 2024-2025 fiscal year budget passed.
- Chief Dixon is looking forward to upcoming discussions with the Fire Commission, the BVFD Inc., and the Selectmen on the Strategic Plan for the BVFD going forward.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT –

Activities:

- CRFMA in Simsbury
- Knox Box install 7 Loomis Road
- Town fire extinguisher training
- Town EMS training
- Vacation 1 week
- Measure occupancy for new bakery at 299 Boston Turnpike

Inspections since last meeting:

- Apartments 21 Clark Road
- 1 Burn permits issued with inspection
- Apartments at 666 Boston Turnpike

DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Motion to elect John Morianos as Chairman and Elizabeth Malone as Treasurer for the Bolton Fire Commission. (RL/CM) VU

Next meeting scheduled for July 22, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm (JM/RL) VU

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Assard

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Board Clerk

