

## **Morris VFD 03/21/16 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday 03/21/2016 by K. DeRoehn. The pledge of allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence.

Voting members in attendance J. Skilton, K. DeRoehn, M. DeRoehn, K. Shemms, D. Teddick, A. Cast, Ken Cast, A. LeCuyer, P. Lizotte, B. Duffy, T. Duffy, L. Duffy, J. Duffy, M. Silver, V. Aiello, J. Ablamsky.

Non-Voting members in attendance: E. Dorsett.

Juniors: None.

Guest Speaker: B. Kluge, Litchfield Rotary Club.

16 voting members, 1 non-voting members, 0 juniors.

### **Secretary's report**

Motion by K. Shemms to accept the minutes from last month's meeting, as well as the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 17, 2016. Motion seconded by A. LeCuyer. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Kluge, Sergeant at Arms for the Litchfield Rotary Club spoke with regard to the Show Your Patriotism Project: American Flag kits, made in the USA will be available for sale in the amount of \$50.00. 100% of profits of the sale will be donated to the Litchfield Ambulance Association and the Morris Volunteer FD. These kits can be purchased directly from Bob Kluge or Chuck Conn or from various businesses in the area (Union Savings Bank, E.J. Murphy Realty, F. North Clark Insurance and various banks located in Litchfield). Information is posted.

Rotary Club will have a table at the tag sale; flag kits will be available for sale that day.

### **Treasurer's report**

A report was given by A. Cast for February; a hard copy was passed around for review. Motion made by K. Shemms to accept the treasurer's report for February. Motion seconded by L. Duffy. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Shemms to pay the bills. Motion seconded by B. Duffy. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Chief's report**

Tax abatement due on March 1, 2016 and was sent to the town timely.

Passed around information with regard to Life Star SOG; keep in mind how much time it takes for Life Star to arrive vs. loading the patient and traveling to the closest hospital.

Region 5 dive team coming out with new dispatch procedure. Information passed around.

LCD list: EMTs and EMRs that passed the recent tests need to be added to list.  
Litchfield County Chiefs document passed around regarding equipment and truck maintenance.  
Fireground Tactics Offensive vs. Defensive information passed around.  
Information passed around about Ebola outbreak in Guinea.  
Looking for replacement member to be on Litchfield County Dispatch. See information posted.

### **Deputy Chief's report**

Another EMT practice test held here at the department; successful results for members of the department.  
Thursday night: drill on extrication; car will be cut up in back; drill focus will be on leadership.  
April drills: radio communications and brush fires (including get up to speed with gear).  
EMR class with Judy will begin on April 4<sup>th</sup>.  
June: EMT bridge class will be held.  
Firefighter 1: Starts on May 9; practical test on August 13, includes on-line education element.  
Students will need mentors. Class takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays and Saturdays in July and August. Information will be posted on the board.  
Letter sent to the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen for training funds.

### **Captain's report**

4" off of Engine 5; put 1000 ft. of 5" on it; 3" in Engine 5 for the blitz gun.  
Rockwood navy nozzle has been put in the back of Engine 3.  
Put brush fire out at the recycling center last month.

### **Lieutenant's report**

B. Duffy: No report.  
L. Duffy: No report.

### **EMS Coordinator's report**

Plymouth/Terryville FD looking to see our rehab trailer. Will need members to assist with that viewing. More information to follow.  
CME this Wednesday 6-9 a.m. at Waterbury Hospital. Information posted.

### **Committee reports**

#### **Chaplain Committee:**

No report.

#### **Executive Committee**

Did not meet; abatement sent over.

### **House Committee**

Lock put on kitchen door.

### **Membership and Nominating**

No applications received this month. Reminder that the sign-ups will be posted in April for Officer and Committee positions. Voting takes place in June.

Vacancy on the Bi-Law Committee: P. Lizotte recommended. Motion made by M. DeRoehn to recommend P. Lizotte for the vacancy on Bi-Laws Committee. Motion seconded by B. Duffy. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Woman's Auxiliary:**

Purchased remaining tables from the grant from the Thomaston Savings Bank; total of 22 tables. Tables numbered and have "MVFD" on the bottom of each table. Plastic tables for in-house use only. Wooden tables may be borrowed and there will be a sign-up sheet for the same (with request that tables are returned 12-24 hours after function). Contact house committee if interested in borrowing any tables.

Worked on reorganizing the kitchen: will be putting down new shelf paper and will probably paint the cabinets.

Tag sale information is being mailed out tomorrow. Donations accepted throughout the month of April and the beginning of May. Posters will also be posted in town. Contact Woman's Auxiliary if you'd like to request to be added to list.

### **Audit Committee**

No report.

### **By-Laws Committee**

Nothing to report.

### **Fire Prevention and Publicity**

Community Groups met and would like to do the fall festival again at the same time as the open house, i.e. Sunday, October 2. Motion made by V. Aiello that the fire department have its open house on Sunday, October 2. Motion seconded P. Lizotte. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Charity**

Fire prevention: PTO may ask for fire truck. Information will be posted.

### **Fundraising**

Early discussion on the Ball. Friday, October 28 is available at the white barn.

Motion made by B. Duffy that if the cost is comparable to last year's cost to hold the ball at the white barn that A. Cast be given authority to go ahead and book the ball at the white barn on Friday, October 28. Motion seconded by K. Shemms. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Uniforms and Parade Committee**

Parades: Thomaston (135<sup>th</sup>), July 31; Bantam (100<sup>th</sup>), Saturday night, August 13; New Hartland (70<sup>th</sup>), Friday night, July 30. Discussion on sending trucks.

½ page ad discussion. Motion made by J. Skilton to place a ½ page ad for Bantam's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Motion seconded by J. Duffy. Motion carried unanimously.

Uniform closet is being built downstairs. Discussion on replacement of bags for uniforms.

Motion made by M. DeRoehn to request funds to purchase 50 new bags @ \$9.97 per bag to protect costly uniforms. Motion seconded by A. Cast. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Education committee**

Nothing to report.

### **Junior Committee:**

Working on getting new junior member equipment.

### **Old Business**

Chili cook-off a success. Positive community involvement. Donations also received.

Stretcher funds received from Tim's Auction in the amount of \$806.00 from two years of fundraising efforts. Thanks to all who appeared at Giovanni's to receive the donation. Ajazi family extremely generous to the MVFD with a donation of \$2,500.

Donation made to the Watertown Fire Department Hockey Team. Thanks from B. Duffy for donation. \$8,000.+ received to benefit the charity overall.

K. DeRoehn going to Gilson Theater to get everything straightened out for our team building night. Looking to reserve the upstairs level. Vintek and Bethlehem will cover for the night.

Ken Cast discussion about pension increase. Letter to be sent to the Town with regard to the pension of members.

Ken Cast discussion on using Concentra for the members' physicals. K. DeRoehn to set-up a meeting to discuss.

75<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up next year, 2017. Discussion on working on what we want to do in order to celebrate. Committee: E. Dorsett, J. Ablamsky, Ken Cast, K. DeRoehn.

Discussion on fixing the leaking ice machine downstairs.

Discussion on cow chip raffle.

Discussion also on fundraising calendar.

Motion made by J. Skilton to send a truck to Middlebury for their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Motion seconded by A. LeCuyer. Motion carried unanimously.

See A. Morton for any changes to the schedule with regard to EMT, EMR and driver coverage. Several members are waiting to be added and/or updated in ESO and to the schedule.

### **New Business**

Follow-up from last month's meeting discussion on Revenue Recovery Account. Discussion followed.

James Morris School April 24<sup>th</sup> can drive looking for a firetruck visit. Discussion on bringing a couple of trucks to the school that day.

ESO/EMS Charts discussion. Waiting to hear back from representative. The contract expired in November, 2015. Automatically renewed with ESO until November, 2016.

Roastbeef dinner budget discussion. Motion made by V. Aiello that a budget of up to \$1,500.00 be allotted for the roastbeef dinner. Motion seconded by J. Duffy. Motion carried unanimously.

April 2-9 vacation for Duffy family. T. Duffy needs coverage for that Thursday.

Fire pond discussion. B.Paletsy interested in installation at white barn on Higbie.

Motion to adjourn made by A. LeCuyer. Motion seconded by J. Duffy. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.