

Morris VFD 05/16/16 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday 05/16/2016 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, P. Turner, D. Teddick, V. Aiello, A. Morton, B. Duffy.

Non-Voting members in attendance: None.

Juniors: None.

8 voting members, 0 non-voting members, 0 juniors.

Secretary's report

Motion by A. Morton to accept the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion seconded by J. Skilton. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report

No report.

Chief's report

Truck financing and ordering discussed.

Grant application with Ion Bank discussed.

Hepatitis C information passed around.

April 28-29 class attended. Interesting. How to set up a training class.

Tone tests will be increased to include towers.

Discussion about adopting a policy wherein new EMTs would be required to put in a certain number of hours prior to being put in charge of a shift on the ambulance.

PTO bottle drive attended at JMS. Brought trucks.

The next pension meeting is scheduled for July 12 at 3:00 p.m. at town hall.

Next community group meeting will be held on May 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Brought trucks to Boy scouts in Bethlehem. Well received.

New DOT guidebooks are in. Picking up 10 books on Wednesday.

Deputy Chief's report

No report.

Captain's report

No report.

Lieutenant's report

B. Duffy: No report.

L. Duffy: No report.

P. Turner: Truck checks done; spare air pack ready in case needed for firefighter 1 class.

Per B. Duffy, meeting with S. Berry concerning the boat will be held soon.

Air packs annual flow test complete.

Still have to test 5" hose.

EMS Coordinator's report

Received letter from OEMS stating that if the ambulance is in an accident and the cost is more than \$600.00 to repair, the State of CT must be notified.

On June 5: Canaan Fire having annual fireman's muster will be held.

Litchfield Hills road race is approaching on June 12. Discussion. Will post sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Discussion on switching over to EMS charts. May 23 will be the official date of the switch.

Committee reports

Chaplain Committee:

No report.

Executive Committee

Met to discuss budget and truck purchase.

House Committee

New energy conserving light bulbs put in.

Discussion on closet in boy scouts room: by June 30 all purchases and improvements will be made.

A request came in to use the firehouse on November 4 and 5 by a local woman's painting class.

Membership and Nominating

Annual election sign-up sheets discussed.

Chief: J. Skilton spoke on his own behalf; Deputy Chief: K. Cast spoken highly of and recommended for position. Lieutenant: P. Turner spoke on his own behalf. Lieutenant: B. Duffy spoke on his own behalf. President. K. DeRoehn: Spoke on his own behalf and advised the members in attendance of the Bylaw that states that no member shall serve in the same administrative office for more than two consecutive terms.

Motion made by A. Morton that the bylaw that states that no member shall serve in the same administrative office for more than two consecutive terms be waived and that K. DeRoehn be permitted to run for the position of President again. Motion seconded by P. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President: V. Aiello spoke on his own behalf. Motion made by K. DeRoehn that the bylaw that states that no member shall serve in the same administrative office for more than two consecutive terms be waived and that V. Aiello be permitted to run for the position of Vice President again. Motion seconded by P. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer: A. Cast. Motion made by K. DeRoehn that the bylaw that states that no member shall serve in the same administrative office for more than two consecutive terms be waived and that A. Cast be permitted to run for the position of Treasurer again. Motion seconded by P. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary: D. Teddick spoke on her own behalf. Motion made by K. DeRoehn that the bylaw that states that no member shall serve in the same administrative office for more than two consecutive terms be waived and that D. Teddick be permitted to run for the position of Secretary again. Motion seconded by T. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS Coordinator: A. Morton spoke on her own behalf.

Woman's Auxiliary:

Thanks for help with tag sale. Quite a success. Over \$1,300.00 earned.

Election meeting in June (date to be determined). Application to be voted on at that time.

Thomaston Savings Bank grant is open; discussion.

Bethlehem fair grounds tag sale discussion. They need assistance in helping with unloading. An offer has been made to the department of \$250.00 to unload storage units and bring items to tag sale and \$250.00 to bring unsold items back to the storage units. Sign up sheet to be posted.

Audit Committee

No report.

By-Laws Committee

No report.

Fire Prevention and Publicity

Open house is scheduled for October 2.

Charity

No report.

Fundraising

No report.

Uniforms and Parade Committee

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

Memorial Day parade approaching. If anyone needs a uniform cleaned, get it done now.

Color guard to meet at 9:30 at East Morris cemetery and 10:00 at Lakeside cemetery.

Northfield Memorial Day program Sunday, June 5 at 11:15 on the green. Discussion.

Education committee

No report.

Junior Committee:

No report.

Old Business

Gilson Saturday night. Discussion.

New Business

June 2 meeting for board of finance to present their proposed budget. Also a May 25 at 7:00 meeting scheduled to discuss cell tower lease and personnel.

Grant discussion.

Motion made by A. Morton that the fire department hold the bike decoration contest again with a cost of \$45.00. Motion seconded by P. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual meeting next month. Motion made by A. Morton that the department spend up to \$500.00 for food for the meeting. Motion seconded by A. Aiello. Motion carried unanimously.

Electronic inventory discussed.

N. Cast found laptop on sale has all that would be needed for the department's use at a cost of approximately \$279.00.

Motion made by A. Morton that we spend up to \$500.00 on the new computer for the department's use. Motion seconded by P. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on town crew's responsibilities to the fire department in the case of bad weather.

Discussion on the necessity of a policy being put into place.

Motion to adjourn made by A. Morton. Motion seconded by P. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.