

Morris Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting Minutes from 4/18/16

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday 4/18/2016 by Kevin DeRoehn. The pledge of allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence.

Voting members in attendance; Vinnie Aiello, Ken Cast, Kevin DeRoehn, Marilyn DeRoehn, Lester Duffy, Tina Duffy, Albert LeCuyer, Audrey Morton, Kate Shemms, Mark Silver, Joel Skilton.

Non voting members in attendance; Rob Ebner, John Johnson, Virginia Steinway

11 voting members, 3 non voting members, 0 junior members

Secretary's report

Motion to accept the minutes from 3/17/16 "Special" meeting and 3/21/16 Monthly meeting by Audrey Morton, second by Kate Shemms, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers report

A hard copy of the Treasurers report was passed around for review in Audra Cast absence.

Motion made to accept the Treasurers report by Joel Skilton, seconded by Kate Shemms, motion passed unanimously.

Motion made to pay bills by Joel Skilton, seconded by Audrey Morton, motion passed unanimously

Chief's report

There was discussion on fire pond repairs and upgrades, dry hydrant testing has begun.

Dive team meeting 4/21/16 in Watertown

Hose testing to be completed 4/21/16

Chief and President to be on the upcoming Pension Board agenda to discuss increasing pension

PTO has requested a fire truck at their bottle and can drive

Deputy Chief's report

The last EMS drill was very well attended and was a learning experience for all

Next weeks drill will be on brush fires

EMR class with Judy scheduled for March was cancelled, but the EMT class for June is still on. All those who wanted the EMR class can take it through this upcoming class

Fire 1 class to begin 4/25 at MVFD, see Ken Cast to sign up

Discussion was held on B.O.F. decision to not fund the training for 6 members wanting to attend Fire 1. B.O.F.

Captain's report

Tool box on Rescue 6 needs to be replenished, Albert will handle this.

New headsets for Engine 1 and Airboat are needed. Motion made to replace 2 headsets by Ken Cast, seconded by Kate Shemms, motion passed unanimously

Lieutenants report

Bryan Duffy – absent

Paul Turner – absent

Lester Duffy – no report

EMS Officer

Annual EMS awards banquet on Wed 5/18/16 at Shamrock in Waterbury, let Audrey know if you would like to attend

The department is very close to finalizing the switch back to EMS Charts from ESO solutions for patient run forms

Committee reports

Executive Committee

Meeting held on 4/7/16, attendance, Ken Cast, Kevin DeRoehn, Joel Skilton, Vinnie Aiello, Kate Shemms.

Discussion on budget

Discussion on Revenue Recovery

House Committee

Thank you to all that helped with the Roast Beef dinner

Several projects are being looked at

Membership + Nominating

Sign up sheets for Annual meeting elections are posted. Many positions need to be filled. This is a great opportunity to get more involved with the department

Auxiliary report

Tag sale 5/7/16, help will be needed moving trucks and setting up at 7:30 a.m.

Help is also needed Friday 5/6/16 moving items upstairs for the sale, contact Marilyn

Fire prevention and Publicity

Open house is scheduled for Oct 2nd, we are working in conjunction with the Morris Fall Festival again this year

Fund raising

The White Barn has been reserved for this year's Ball Oct 28th. Updates to follow.

If you wish to help out with the Ball, contact Audra

Parade + Uniform

We are scheduled to attend the following Parades

Memorial Day Parade

Thomaston Parade

Bantam Parade

If you need a uniform, or need your uniform repaired, please see Vinnie or Marilyn

Motion made to purchase more Firefighter Memorial flags for deceased member gravesites by Marilyn DeRoehn, seconded by Joel Skilton, motion passed unanimously

Old Business

The Roast Beef dinner was very well attended, thank you to all for your help, thank you Cub Scout Pack 28 and Boy Scout Troop 28 as well

Gilson Theatre night out, 5/21/16. The Department is paying for the admission ticket price for any member and one guest each that would like to attend a night out. Your meal cost is up to you, We will meet at the theatre {in Winsted} no later than 6:30. Let Kevin or Jordana know if you are going and how many.

New Business

Litchfield road race 6/12/16, a suggestion was made by Audrey Morton to have MVFD man the ambulance and Brush 4, giving Vintech the day off.

Discussion on the importance of the Audit Committee moving forward. There is always differences between the department budget spreadsheet and the expenditure report we get monthly from the Town. The department will start auditing both spreadsheets for accuracy.

Motion made to adjourn by Lester Duffy, seconded by Kate Shemms, motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9"00 p.m.

Submitted by

Kevin DeRoehn

Acting Secretary