

Morris Volunteer Fire Department
Regular Meeting
1/17/2017

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm by President K. DeRoehn.

Voting Members Attending: K. DeRoehn, J. Skilton, M. Silver, K. Shemms, V. Aiello, M. DeRoehn, N. Cast, Ken Cast, A. Cast, and L. Duffy.

Previous Meeting Minutes: K. Shemms made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes with M. DeRoehn seconding the motion. Minutes to be changed to reflect under the Chief's report to add "to be" for Engine 5 measurements. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: K. Shemms made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. V. Aiello seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. K. Shemms made a motion to pay the bills. K. Cast seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report:

- Check points after all calls. There have been some discrepancies.
- Email received from Camp Washington thanking the Department for their response to the recent calls.
- Some members have not had their physicals completed. Please get physicals done ASAP.
- If you missed a drill or meeting in 4Q2016, you must notify the Executive Committee by 1/31/2017.
- Email from Rick Duffy – Bantam's Fire Department Christmas Party is 1/21/2017.
- Region 5 Dive Team – provided a summary of calls for 2016.
- Draft minutes from ESF8 shared with the membership.
- OEMS communication statement passed around.
- Table Top Infectious Disease Ebola Exercise conducted by CT Department of Homeland Security. Results shared with the membership.
- Looking for volunteers for LCD Board of Directors.
- Safer Grant – information received from First Selectman on this grant.
- Fail Safe – hose testing contractor set out 3-year lock-in pricing. We cannot take advantage of this pricing since it covers 3 budget years.
- Homeland Security information shared with the membership.

Deputy Chief's Report:

- January drills – Bloodborne/Airborne infectious control and airboat running.
- January 28th & 29th – Strategy & Tactics Course to be presented by the State @ MVFD. ALL FD members are strongly encouraged to attend.
- February 18th & 19th – Ice Rescue Drill to be presented by the State @ Bantam Lake.
- March – extrication class by the State. Date TDB.
- Driver Training Simulator – working with Enfield to bring out this equipment.

- April 22nd & 23rd – Pump Operator Class to be presented by the State. All FD members are encouraged to attend.
- EMT/EMR Refresher – Judy Lynch is running a class in Watertown starting February 6th running for two weeks. Let Ken know if you are interested in attending.

Captain's Report:

- Tires have been replaced on Engine 5 & Rescue 6.
- Albert is working on a price list for new equipment - 5 pagers, 3 portables, and 1 mobile radio.

EMS Coordinator Report:

- Make sure run forms are filled out completely.
- An email has been sent out regarding the upcoming January CME at Waterbury Hospital on Airways.
- An order was put in for new AED pads and batteries. The Department was criticized for not following purchasing procedures established by the Town.

Executive Committee:

- January 3, 2017 was the last meeting.
- Discussion on abatement points and physicals.

House Committee:

- Problem with the furnace over the weekend. Bellmay called to service this emergency.

Membership/Nominating Committee:

- No Report

Auxiliary:

- Next meeting to be held in February.
- Town-Wide Tag Sale scheduled for May 13, 2017.
- M. DeRoehn asked for permission to use space in the Fire House to store donations for the tag sale.
- Discussed the remaining grant funds and the desire to purchase a kitchen mixer to be used for Fire Department fundraisers. Motion made by A. Cast and seconded by V. Aiello to provide the remaining funds over the available grant funds to purchase a suitable size mixer. Motion passed unanimously.

Bylaws:

- No Report

Publicity:

- No Report

Fundraising:

- Dates set for 2017 Roast Beef Dinners – April 8th & September 9th

- Motion made by L. Duffy and seconded by K. Cast to spend up to \$1,500 to purchase supplies for each roast beef dinner.

Parade & Uniform:

- M. DeRoehn inquired about the status of the uniform closet. J. Skilton committed the Department to finishing the closet within the month.
- Application received from CT Parade Marshal's Association. Fee is \$35. No decision.

Education Committee:

- No Report

Juniors

- No Report

Correspondence

- Correspondence passed around to the membership.

Old Business:

- Blood Drive - Collected 37 pints of blood – 3 more than previous years. Goal achieved. Membership discussed doing another blood drive.
- CPR Device – committee needs to meet to discuss options and pricing.
- 75th Anniversary Committee needs to meet to formulate plans. Committee is K. DeRoehn, K. Cast, and J. Ablamsky.

New Business:

- Budget – proposal handed out to membership.
 - Outside EMS budget line item discussed. Motion made by K. DeRoehn regarding continuation of outside EMS service. Motion was seconded by J. Skilton. This motion was rescinded K. DeRoehn and J. Skilton.
 - Motion made by K. DeRoehn to go into executive session at 8:50pm to discuss litigation matters. J. Skilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 9:35pm.
 - Motion made by K. Cast to invoke the 60 day termination clause in the Vintech contract, seconded by J. Skilton, all voted in favor with V. Aiello and N. Cast abstaining.
 - Motion made by J. Skilton and seconded by L. Duffy to approve the proposed budget. Motion passed with 9 members voting in favor and 1 abstention by V. Aiello.

K. Shemms made a motion to adjourn. M. DeRoehn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audra Cast
Secretary Pro-Tem