

Morris VFD 1/22/2018 Monthly Meeting Minutes
This is a Special Meeting to take the place of the regular monthly
meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 1/16/2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday 1/22/2018 by V. Steinway. The pledge of allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence.

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

Non-Voting members in attendance: T. Weik, R. Worden and M. Orzell

Juniors: None.

13 voting members, 2 non-voting members, 0 juniors.

Secretary's report

Motion by K. DeRoehn to accept the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion seconded by A. LeCuyer. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report

Suspended.

Motion made by K. Shemms for the department to spend approximately \$70.00 to purchase a printer cartridge. Motion seconded by K. DeRoehn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Shemms to pay the bills. Motion seconded by P. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief's report

Saturday met dive team; to Watertown YMCA for the polar plunge.

Last quarter of pension information and tax abatement to go to the Town.

Reviewed who qualifies for points for both tax abatement and pension. Discussion.

Tax Abatement: has qualifications. Discussion.

January 24, 2018: Grant writing. Information posted.

Email received: FYI: 1/15/18: Region 5 DHMS borrowed our pump for Kent's use in case of flooding.

Dive team annual's report received detailing year in review.

Advisory Committee discussion.

Motion made by K. DeRoehn to urge the membership and authorize the Chief to make the Service Level Agreement (SLA) a priority in the negotiations with the "Advisory Committee" and to encourage the 1st Selectman to offer a counter offer to the MVFD offer proposed. This SLA is an all inclusive agreement should be aggressively sought by all committee members. Authorize the Chief to negotiate a new agreement, but the MVFD membership must approve final SLA.

Motion seconded by V. Aiello. Motion carries unanimously.

Deputy Chief's report

Drill on ice and cold water rescue done this weekend. Well attended. Attended by:

Drill scheduled for the 11th cancelled due to conflict.

25th: OSHA drills scheduled. Necessary. All members encouraged to attend.

February 1: EMS drill night. May not go forward.

February 8: HAZMAT awareness refresher and mask testing.

February 22: HAZMAT awareness again and mask testing.

February 22: DEEP Regional Brush Fire Training on Thursday 6:30 -9:30.

Another CPR will be scheduled sometime in February.

Pump 1 class to be held in Bantam: October 13-28 and November 10 written exam.

Information to be posted.

Opioid Overdose Epidemic class: The EMS role class scheduled at St. Francis Hospital on Tuesday, January 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Information posted.

Scott Kellogg, chief of Harwinton Westside, a county coordinator, called about bringing rehab trailer to fire in Plainville. Setup heat and was well received on a very cold night (5 below zero).

Captain's report

1/12/18 met with OSHA regarding trucks (A. LeCuyer and J. Skilton). Truck forms missing from truck. Police report on file.

Have to do truck checks. Need to submit that missing paperwork to OSHA rep.

Brush 4: pump is out of service. Looking into replacing the heat exchanger that froze and broke. Price \$1898.75 received; contacting insurance company (broke on a call).

Engine 5: on spots: in process of getting them fixed. PO okayed. Need Engine 3 back (new radiator) first.

Rescue 6: side step: waiting on part; once it is in will schedule it to be fixed (sometime after Engine 5).

Engine 1: Waiting to schedule. PO approved for yearly inspection and pump test.
Rescue boat: broke on Sunday at a drill. Off trailer and steering failed. Getting quotes on repairing. Will contact insurance company on paying for repairs since it was during a drill.
Next month will have information on boat.
Planning a work night to go over fire gear, especially for interior fire fighters, in order to fill out new forms (required annually). Possible date in March: March 8 (drill night).
Waiting on PO for car 2's radio. Not working properly. Quote received from Northeastern. Sent to the Town for consideration.

Lieutenant's report

B. Duffy: Not present; No report.
L. Duffy: No report.
P. Turner: Truck checks to be done this week.

EMS Coordinator's report

No report.
EMS opioid class posted.

Executive Committee

Finalized number to submit to the town for the tax abatement (10).
Pension information to be submitted to the town this week as well.

House Committee

Work night last week. Rehab trailer gear was straightened out. Work nights upcoming. OSHA items to address.
Delivery of oil received. Furnace was re-serviced due to a problem.

Membership and Nominating

No report.

Woman's Auxiliary:

Meeting in February to discuss the town wide tag sale.

Audit Committee

No report.

By-Laws Committee

The committee met. Two suggestions made to update the bylaws. See attached proposed changes.

Motion made by K. Shemms to accept change #1. Motion seconded by P. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Shemms to accept change #2. Motion seconded by P. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Shemms to accept change #3. Motion seconded by P. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Shemms to accept change #4 a). Motion seconded by P. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Shemms to accept change #4 b). Motion seconded by P. Turner. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Shemms to accept change #5. Motion seconded by L. Duffy. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Shemms to accept change #6, changes in order of business. Motion seconded by L. Duffy. Discussion. Motion rescinded by K. Shemms.

Fire Prevention and Publicity

Cub scouts doing step up ceremony here at the firehouse tomorrow (1/23 @ 6:30).

1/27/18, Saturday @ 9:00 a.m. Pinewood derby being held here. Just need to move trucks out early. Derby starts at 9:00 a.m.

Charity

No report.

Fundraising

No report.

Uniforms and Parade Committee

No report.

Education committee

No report.

Junior Committee:

No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Donation made in the amount of \$500.00 from White Flower Farm. We are appreciated.

Received message from a Morris residence to ask if we could use this room for a memorial service on February 3, Saturday, from 1 -4 p.m. Members are agreeable.

Chili cook off to be held in March. Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10 for set-up.

Prizes will be given. Motion made by K. DeRoehn to allocate \$100.00 for prize money. Seconded by K. Cast. Motion carried unanimously. Judging to begin at noon.

Need to do some publicity on event.

Roastbeef dinner dates discussion. Proposed date April 28, 2018; serving 4:30 to 7:00. Allotted budget: \$1,500.00. Motion made by K. Cast to allot the \$1,500.00 as budget for dinner. Motion seconded by M. DeRoehn. Motion carried unanimously.

Memo received from the Town re: new budget procedures for 2018-2019.

Two fundraiser games coming up 2/24/18 at Taft for Mike Frazier, retired firefighter. Benefit game. ½ page is \$150.00.

April 8 playing for wounded warriors at the Civic Center. Ticket allows you to get into two games, including the Wolf Pack game.

Donations to be made by the MVFD.

Motion made by P. Turner to make a donation for one ad with the cost of \$150.00 for 2/24/18 game. Motion seconded by K. DeRoehn. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Skilton to contribute \$500.00. Motion seconded by K. DeRoehn. Motion carried unanimously.

Statement made by K. DeRoehn:

“I would like to make a comment and have it recorded in the minutes so that it is on public record as well as a note of agreement on it. There has been quite a bit of accusations and bad feelings on social media, radio and print towards the MVFD, and I want to make it publicly known that I am saddened by these events and that I stand behind Chief Skilton and the current Officers of the MVFD 100%, contrary to what has been and what is being said by a select group. These dedicated Volunteers have nothing but the safety of the residents, properties and visitors of the Town of Morris at heart. For this select group to try and portray these volunteers as anything else is a disservice to the countless hours of training and their dedicated efforts. Because of the selfless efforts of the MVFD membership, the Town of Morris and will remain a safe place to live.”

This statement was approved unanimously by the members of the MVFD.

Motion to adjourn made by
unanimously.

K. Shemms. Motion seconded by P. Turner. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.