

MINUTES
CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
February 4, 2019

Chief Manware called the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department's regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from January 7, 2019 meeting:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 7, 2019 regular meeting as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- Received a thank you note from the Schwartz family
- BJ's Wholesale is offering a 12-month membership to members
 - If interested see Chief Manware

Report of Chiefs

Chief:

- The Chief went before the Board of Selectmen to discuss the purchase of a second hydraulic rescue tool (Hurst tool)
 - Chief Manware received permission to purchase from a sole source without going through the bid process
 - Training and a press release will be done when the tool has been delivered to the department
- In January the department responded to 162 calls – 117 EMS, 32 Fire and 13 MV, CO or other types of call
- Get your uniforms cleaned for the banquet this Saturday, February 9, 2019

Deputy Chief Administration:

- Provided the balance of the annual drives
 - Three policies will be posted for the members to review, those to include:
 - Policy 16: **Delete** the following:
 - The Delegate to the State Convention – Section 6.1.6, 6.1.6.1, 6.1.6.2, 6.1.6.3, 6.1.6.4
 - The Parade Committee – Section 6.1.8
 - Policy 17: **Add** to section 4.10
 - "The Chief of the Department may use, or authorize his/her designee to use, department photos at their discretion for posting on social media, public relations, training, or other avenues deemed appropriate for the benefit of the department."
 - Policy BP-4: **Add** Section 5 Exceptions, 5.1
 - "In the performance of operating 987 for snow removal and/or sanding it may not be feasible to have a backer. When plowing/sanding the operator may choose not to have a backer in the performance of maintaining the following, but not limited to parking lots, hydrants, streets and/or roads."
- Comments regarding these proposed changes should be submitted no later than 10 days after posting
- Update your beneficiary form
 - See Gary after the meeting to make any changes or submit a new form

Deputy Chief:

- Leave room in the tank when filling 996 with fuel – don't fill to the very top
- If there are any issues with any of the apparatus, notify M. Neff or the Engineer

Deputy Chief – EMS:

- On 941 and 943 make sure you turn on the headlights in order to activate the rear ambulance lights
- If an aggressive patient wants to get out of the ambulance, notify the police, pull over in a safe location and let them out (with police present)
 - If an aggressive patient poses a danger to you, pull over and let that patient out
- The department received 5 mutual aids and provided 2 mutual aids
- Fax the charts to the Middlesex Hospital and use a scanner to send reports to Yale
 - If you have any questions regarding submitting the charts, see J. Lewellyn, R. Denison or C. Simoni
- Don't use the CAD button until notified and trained
- The door assemblies on 941 and 943 have been oiled
 - It was noted that the crew could use the emergency release lever at the top of the door if needed

Assistant Chief:

- The first quarter training has been completed and posted
- Go through the apparatus' compartments to familiarize yourself with the location of various tools and items

Report of Line Officers:

Captain Headquarters: NR

Captain Glenwood:

- The February drill schedule will be posted

Captain Marine:

- Discussed the need to start the boat's motor and ensure that it is properly pumping on these cold days
 - If it is not properly pumping water, then the hose may be frozen
- Reviewed the boat call over the past weekend, officers did a good job in the horrible conditions

Captain EMS: Not present, but a report was given

- On February 18th, a full interior CPR drill is scheduled

Lt Company 1:

- Review the apparatus' compartments to familiarize yourself as to the location of tools
 - If you find something out of place let L. Morrell know
 - If you are charging batteries, let L. Morrell know
- When putting the air pacs back in the apparatus, make sure they are installed properly
 - Have an officer inspect the installation before they go back into service

Lt Company 2:

- Close the bay doors
- If you are interested in being a driver, see B. Perdue

Lt Aerial: No report

Lt Rescue: No report

Lt EMS 946:

- Checklists have been replenished on 941 and 943

Lt EMS 947:

- CPR annual class is scheduled for February 9
- If the online component is done prior to attending you will only have to do the hands-on portion

Lt EMS 948:

- Masks have been placed on the ambulance

Report of Division/Appointed Positions:
Communications Coordinator: No report

Engineer: No report

Quartermaster:

- Gear inspections will be done next month

Junior Company: No report

Fire Police: No report

Auxiliary: No report

Committee Reports:

Membership:

- There are two applicants in the process
- Two probationary members were voted on tonight, those individuals are
 - David Carroll – vote results: YES 42 NO 3 ABS 0
 - Mike Farrell – vote results: YES 45 NO 1 ABS 0

Finance: No report

Ways and Means:

- Any fundraising ideas should be brought to the attention of J. Lewellyn and J. Strong
- Bingo has had a winter attendance between 30 and 65 people
 - Thanked members who have turned out to help
 - The next Bingo is scheduled for February 16
The meal (possibly pasta) needs to be determined and people to prepare the meal needed

House:

- Chief Manware thanked D. Carroll for cleaning the meeting room floor and organizing the janitor closet

Parade: No report

Social:

- The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 9th at the Clinton Country Club beginning 6 p.m.
- If you are attending sign up tonight, as the final count has to be submitted tomorrow, February 5th

Sick and Welfare:

- Judith Petrucci passed away and a card will be sent to the Petrucci family

By-Law: No report

Old Business:

- R. Kyhn would like a ballot vote to not accept the policy change to the membership, LOSAP, and tax abatement requirements (increase to the 50 calls necessary)
- The results of the ballot vote were:
YES 20 (keep the policy as is – 50 calls)
NO 28 (change the policy to increase the number of calls necessary)
- The new policy stands as posted (passed)

New Business: None

Good of the Department:

- Due to the incidents the department responds to and what the members see at these incidents, a member should feel comfortable speaking to an officer or another member, a peer support network or even an EAP member
- If a member would like to get involved in the peer support group, contact Chief Manware

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Clerk