

MINUTES
CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
April 5, 2021

The meeting of the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chief Manware

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of March 1, 2021:

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 1, 2021 as submitted. 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 C. Lovington

Report of Chiefs:

Chief:

- Welcomed everyone back to in person meetings
- Things are improving; however, members should still wear masks and practice social distancing
- N95 masks should be worn if in contact with patients
- March statistics are as follows:

462	Total calls for March
344	EMS calls
91	Fire calls
21	Rescue calls
5	Other
- The officers reviewed the statistics from November to March by call type
 - They decided to forego the 40-call minimum which is due April 30th
 - However, the 75-call minimum will stand for the year end requirement
 - Each member's stat numbers are posted
- Town Council will hold a public hearing on April 7th at 6 p.m. to hear residents' input on the proposed budget
 - This will be followed by a special meeting of the Town Council
- Discussed the replacement of 962 and wanting to get the direction and opinion of the membership
 - The specifications for 962 will then be submitted to vendors and manufacturers

Deputy Chief of Administration:

- The department budget is being developed and will be presented to the membership at the May meeting
 - The vote on the 2021-2022 budget will be taken at the June meeting
 - It was noted that the Fire Department will have to give a contribution for the purchase of a new 931
 - The purchase of an ATV will go into the capital budget
- Provided the annual drive totals

Deputy Chief:

- Clinton has a high number of COVID cases; however, these numbers are dropping consistently
 - Anyone 16 and older can get a COVID vaccine
 - The Fire Department has an adequate amount of PPE
- The PMs on the apparatus are almost done

Deputy Chief EMS:

- The March statistics were reviewed:
 - 125 Total EMS calls
 - 9 Got mutual aid – 6 of those calls were for first line ambulances
 - 4 Gave mutual aid
- Working on addressing the problem getting the ambulance out on particular days/times
- Charts need to be faxed to appropriate facility
 - Do not leave these charts for Nancy to fax the next day
- Wear N95 masks on all medicals if you will have patient contact
- Listen to the dispatch to determine who needs to respond to a call
 - An ambulance crew can call for R1 assistance

Assistant Chief:

- Thanked members for responding to the Unilever fire
- The department is in the 3rd month of the 2nd quarter
 - The updated training report is posted
 - Attend drills
- Senior members should attend Monday night drills and not rely on just the Junior drills to make their stats

Captain Headquarters:

- Try to make the drills
- There is a sign-up sheet for work details
 - Headquarters needs to be cleaned and neatened up

Captain Glenwood:

- There is a sign-up sheet for work details for the Glenwood Station
- Drills will be scheduled over the next three weeks that will cover the quarterly requirements

Captain Marine:

- The boat went out on a call last night
 - Found the VH radio was not functioning – will need a new one installed
 - Found the GPS needs some work done
- There are no navigational aids in our channel
- The boat will come out of the water for maintenance

Captain EMS:

- There will be an EMS drill on April 7th
- Discussed the oxygen in the sealed trauma kits
 - These bottles are empty when the kit is opened – the reason for this will be researched

905:

- 953 is back in service
- Packs should be put back correctly
- Check the emergency brake

906:

- 954 is back in service

907:

- The lightbar is being replaced
- Good job at the Unilever fire

Rescue:

- There will be a drill on the 19th
- Air packs are at the back of the apparatus
- The winch is on order

946: No report

947: No report

948: No report

Report of Divisions/Appointed positions
Communications Coordinator: No report

Engineer: No report

Quartermaster: No report

Junior Company:

- Introduced a new member – Breydon Banning

Fire Police: No report

Auxiliary: No report

Committee Reports:

Membership:

- A letter of resignation was received on March 15, 2021 dated February 5, 2021 from Randy Rasemus

Finance: No report

Ways and Means:

- Bingo was discussed
 - Vast majority of the town has been vaccinated; however, will they come if the state loosens the restrictions
 - Not sure if the department will make any money
 - Discussed the number of patrons the fire bay could hold with social distancing
- Other fund-raising ideas have been brought forth and being reviewed

House: No report

Social: No report

Sick and Welfare:

- Honorary member Matthew Brown passed away
 - His services will be held at Swan's with the calling hours April 7th from 4p to 6p

- Those members wishing to attend will meet at Headquarters at 5:30 p.m.
- The Honor Guard and one ambulance is requested to escort the hearse to Hartford on April 8th
- A reception will be held at Headquarters at 1 pm
 - The meeting room and ambulance bay will need to be cleaned up
- See G. Skau if you can participate

By Laws: No report

Old Business:

- M. Neff reported the Fire Department Feasibility Study Committee will make a presentation to the membership on April 14, 2021 to discuss and submit the committee's findings
 - The Town Council will hold a special meeting to be held at Headquarters for their presentation and then take a tour of the building
- A determination of what is to be done with the gray staff car needs to be made
 - A motion was made and seconded to use the gray staff car for training. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- Thanked members for helping to make 500 Easter baskets which were distributed
- There is a scholarship in memory of former Assistant Fire Chief Wayne Vetre
 - The department cannot make a donation to this scholarship; however, members can make a private direct donation
- There is a scholarship in memory of Ed Boughton's son for those applying to a trade school
 - Members can make a private direct donation to this scholarship

Good of the Department:

- The department is getting busy with training
- Keep up the good work

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Clerk