

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE AFTON FIRE DISTRICT
January 12, 2017

Acting chairperson John Snel called the organizational/regular meeting of The Afton Board of Fire Commissioners to order at the Afton Fire Station on January 12, 2017 at 7:02 p.m. The following were present: John Snel, Theresa Sherman, Tom Vail, Pete Vail, outgoing Treasurer Sandy Reiling, newly elected Commissioner Bev. Solomon and newly elected Treasurer Lindsey Evans, Chief Blane Reiling and visitors Chuck Sherman and John Deierlein. The floor was turned over to Mr. Deierlein of NBT Bank and he explained the bonding options available for the planned purchase of a new firetruck apparatus. T. Sherman will contact our attorney to determine the cost of legal work associated with bonding.

- The Oath of Office was administered to Lindsey Evans, Bev. Solomon and Pete Vail. Commissioners' terms expire at the end-of-year as follows: T. Vail – 2017, T. Sherman - 2018, J. Snel – 2019, and P. Vail – 2020 and Bev Solomon - 2021. Treasurer Lindsey Evans' term expires end of 2019.
- Acting Chairperson J. Shel called for nominations for Chairman. Sherman moved that J. Snel be nominated for Chairperson, seconded by T. Vail, approved unanimously. P. Vail moved that nominations be closed and that the secretary cast one ballot for Snel, seconded by Sherman. Passed unanimously. J. Snel continued as Chairman of the meeting.
- J. Snel moved that P. Vail be appointed Secretary. Solomon seconded. Passed unanimously.
- J. Snel moved that the Afton office of NBT Bank be the district's official bank, seconded by T. Vail, passed unanimously.
- T. Vail moved that the Tri-Town News be the official newspaper for the district, seconded by J. Snel. Passed unanimously.
- T. Vail moved that our primary attorney be Mark Butler, seconded by T. Sherman and passed unanimously.
- T. Sherman moved that the regular meeting be held the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Afton Fire Station, seconded by J. Snel and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Snel appointed the following committee chairmen: Equipment – J. Snel, B. Reiling, Insurance – T. Sherman, B. Reiling, Building – T. Vail. T. Vail moved that the committee chairpersons be approved. Seconded by J. Snel and passed unanimously.

-2016 Bills # 173 - # 176 in the amount of **\$2412.54** were audited and ordered paid on a motion by P. Vail, seconded by T. Sherman and passed unanimously. **2017 Bills # 1 - # 13** in the amount of **\$1925.16** were audited and ordered paid on a motion by T. Vail, seconded by P. Vail and passed unanimously. Checks #9254 through #9264 cleared.

Treasurer's Report

-Treasurer Reiling reviewed the year-end balances summary as of Dec. 31, 2016. Checking (excluding 2016 bills above): \$13,586.20; Savings: \$57.86; Equipment MM: \$42,031.34; Building MM: \$7,885.61;

Secretary's Report

-Minutes were distributed for the December 8th 2016 meeting. J. Snel moved that the Secretary's Report be accepted, seconded by B. Solomon and approved unanimously.

Committees

Equipment – 113 heater core was fixed. 116 filters changed and fuel tank drained.

Insurance – Mang Insurance would like a copy of the district policy so that they can prepare a quote. T. Vail will take care of this.

Building – Issue with GFI in kitchen tripping periodically from coffee pot use.

Chief

-Camera system has problems. Repairs estimated to be \$250-#300 or more. Chief will check.

-Portable radio damaged. Chief will check on getting it repaired.

-Received \$100 bid from Vestal Emergency Squad for surplus hydraulics (items 30, 32, 33, 34), \$1 bid from Harpursville Fire Dept. for 600 gallon portable tank and \$20 bid from Chuck Sherman for fuel cans (items 43 and 46.) T. Vail moved that the 3 bids be accepted, seconded by B. Solomon and passed unanimously. Clerk will write letters accepting bids. Also need a letter authorizing either Chuck Sherman or Blane Reiling to dispose of remainder of surplus metal items.

-Received request to provide fire protection for the 2017 races at The New Afton Motor Sports Park. T. Sherman moved that authorization be granted, seconded by P. Vail and passed unanimously.

-Received application for Firefighter/EMS from Justin Hawes. T. Vail moved that application be approved. Seconded by T. Sherman and passed unanimously.

-Requests permission to purchase: 2 sets of Turnout Gear - \$4200, 36" road sign - \$260, 10 Stop/Slow paddles - \$300 and a set of collapsible traffic cones - \$130 for a total of \$4890 plus shipping. T. Vail moved to approve the purchases, seconded by J. Snel and approved unanimously.

-Pointed out that Drew B. was at Afton Town Meeting expecting that there would be discussion of using the parking lot for emergency landing zone, EVOC and emergency shelter. A verbal agreement exists between the Chief and John Lawrence and the Chief is the only one who is authorized to negotiate (if necessary) with the Town of Afton on behalf of the Fire Dept. At this time no other activity is going on.

-Oil train emergency training received recently is to be passed on to the Dept. District Commissioners should be invited to attend. Discussed Dept. training in general. A new schedule is being implemented. The Board of Fire Commissioners supports training of Dept. personnel without reservation.

Old Business

-The Treasurer is using the recently purchased laptop computer. Need printer cable and other business supplies. They will be purchased by the Fire Dept.

New Business

-Nothing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. on a motion by T. Vail, seconded by T. Sherman and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter C. Vail