

Bantam Fire Company Monthly Minutes

November 7, 2023

Order of Business

Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 19:00 by President Dan McPhee

1. Minutes from last meeting: October meeting minutes read and amended, motion made to accept the amended minutes by John Cattey, 2nd by Chris Ricard, motion carried
2. Treasurer's report: Treasurer's report read, motion to accept report as read by John Cattey, 2nd by Tom Graham, motion carried.
3. Committee reports: UTV- Sam Wolff reported that the committee had met and started the research phase of project. Jane Golding for Christmas trees- pick up November 30 in Andover CT., help is needed for pick up and for sale dates on December 1,2,3
4. Election of members: motion made by John Cattey 2nd by Bob Fischer to extend Patty Dauten's probation for 3months, motion carried. Motion made by John Cattey 2nd by Bob Fischer to extend Micheal Lynch's probation 6 months, motion carried. Joshua Lovallo was voted on by paper ballot and was declined for active membership.
5. Unfinished business: Micheal Lynn Cappello, Santa Express will be on December 15,16th, Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a fundraiser, Pancakes with Santa on December 17th from 9-12.

Ryan Litwin, appointments for Safety officers: Jane Golding and Ken Matson, EMS Director appointment tabled for one month.

Bob Fischer uniforms: Suggested to outfit all elected officers first due to their commitment to the company and the cost of uniforms. \$1000 per person with badge, approximately \$75 for fitting per person. Also mentioned new white shirts for 40 people at \$28 each. This would total \$14400 Officer's to make list of what is needed and present at next meeting. Please bring back any extra badges.

Dan McPhee: presented 2023-2024 Meeting schedule, motion to accept the schedule by John Cattey, 2nd Mike Berry, motion carried.

6. New business: Sue Litwin brought up the need for 2 new Toughbook's due to their age and connectivity issues at a total cost of \$3195, motion made by John Cattey, 2nd by Tom Graham to appropriate \$3195 out of ambulance billing fund to purchase 2 new Toughbook's with straps, motion carried.

Ryan Litwin: discussion about BFC hosting State Parade: police, trophy and food cost, and people willing to do the work were the main issues. Ryan will advise State committee.

Ed Brown: BFC Christmas Party, December 9 at 1800, pot luck please bring a dish, shrimp and beverages will be included.

7. Applications for membership: Sean Fogerty was elected as a probationary member to the company.
8. Miscellaneous business: Ryan Litwin: addressed apparatus in need of repair. Marine 1 still having electrical issues, will be addressed over the winter. Fire commission requested an updated vehicle replacement list: 35 on for 2030 and 39 on for 2029. Town of Litchfield supplied \$1500 for grant writing fees for town wide AFG grant for radio replacement, will go into capital regardless. Ryan Litwin made a motion, 2nd by Chris Ricard to appropriate \$100 for 10 tickets for a ceremony for Jane Golding who is being honored by the Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter for the community service award for volunteerism, November 19. Motion carried. Ryan Litwin read the monthly card. Dan McPhee communicated that we were mentioned in Elenor Jacobs will, no other details at this time. Dan McPhee read a thank you letter from Chester Fire Co. in Massachusetts for the generous equipment donation to their company. Sue Litwin read a letter that included \$200 donation, also read a thank letter from Merrit Clarke's store which was accompanied with a hand carved fire truck.
9. Reading of the Bills: October bills totaled \$16,876.36, John Cattey made a motion, 2nd by Ryan Litwin to pay the bills as read, motion carried.

10. Roll Call

11. Motion to adjourn by Sam Wolff, 2nd by John Cattey, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 20:14

Respectfully submitted,

Darren F Lounsbury
Secretary, Bantam Fire Company