

Bantam Fire Company Monthly Minutes

February 6, 2024

Order of Business

Regular Meeting

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

1. Minutes from last meeting: January minutes were read by Secretary Darren Lounsbury, motion made by Ryan Litwin, 2nd by Sam Wolff to accept minutes as read, motion carried.
2. Treasure's report: January report read by Treasure Sue Litwin, motion made by Sam Wolff, 2nd by Jody Delisle to accept report as read, motion carried.
3. Committee Reports: Sam Wolff-UTV- Committee decided on the Kawasaki Mule with Med Bed to be the best choice for the company's purpose. Package would include Kawasaki Mule UTV with upgrades, lights and lettering, med bed, trailer, and stokes with wheel totaling \$50395.19 to be purchased if a grant is secured. Motion made by Tim Sparks, 2nd by Tom Graham to authorize Ryan Litwin to submit application for grant to SherrToss foundation for funding, motion carried.
Fundraising committee- Marcia Mackensie- Roast Beef dinner March 23, Spaghetti dinner April 19, help is needed. Idea of a silent auction to coincide with dinners, auctioning off members talent e.g.: oil changes, tree cutting, cooking. The Great Pumpkin Festival being held October 19 with rain date of October 24 at the Alain White field, selling pumpkins October 12 to carve for festival entry. Looking for wholesale pumpkins or members to grow them. Shirts and mugs "I support the Bantam Fire Co." to be made up for public sale at our events. Matt Brinckerhoff conducting a self-defense course in Morris, May 20,21,22 6-8pm, donations are to the BFC or Region 5 Dive. Has plans to hold a class at the BFC in future.
4. Election of Members: Michael Lynch was voted in as an active member by a unanimous show of hands. Patty Dauten and Hugh Martin were read the charge by President McPhee.
5. Unfinished Business: Chief Litwin appointed EMS committee: Ryan Litwin, Anthony Zuffelato, Charley Baker, Jane Golding, Sue Litwin, Ed Brown.
6. New Business: N/A

7. Applications for Membership: Scott Pottbecker was voted in as a probationary member by a unanimous show of hands.
8. Miscellaneous Business: Chief Litwin: asked for a motion for appointment of John Campbell as Fire Commissioner. Mike Berry made the motion, 2nd by Bob Fischer, motion carried. Ad for Hall of Fame dinner: Sam Wolff made the motion to buy a business card size ad for \$35, 2nd by Mike Berry, motion carried. Ad for Litchfield Hills Road Race: Motion made by Jody Delisle to buy a 1/2 page add for \$250, 2nd by Bob Fischer, motion carried. Town of Litchfield funding \$1500 for grant writer fee for a AFG grant to fund portable radios, Ryan is the liaison for the town departments to the grant writer. Emergency Reporting software used for NFIRs will not be supported by end of year, goal to switch to new system at a town cost of 10 to 22,000 per year by July 1,2024. Boat repairs by Chatterton only charged \$100 of labor for \$900 worth of work, all repairs complete. Commended department on recent work at structure fires and also stressed the need for additional personnel to respond if available. Card was read. Help needed at BFC for County Chiefs with setting up and cooking Monday February 12. President McPhee: read a letter of thanks for our response to Roxbury structure fire.
9. Reading of the bills: Bills for January totaled \$18514.60, motion made by Tom Graham 2nd by Jody Delisle to pay the bills as read, motion carried.
10. Roll call
11. Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn by Tom Graham, 2nd by Kaylee Capello, motion carried, meeting adjourned 19:47

Respectfully submitted,

Darren Lounsbury

Secretary, Bantam Fire Company