

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Litchfield Board of Fire Commissioners & EMS
September 8, 2022 – 5:00 PM
Litchfield Fire Department
258 West St, Litchfield CT

Members Present: John Campbell, Michael Castelli, Sean Fogarty, Jack Hodges, Jon Torrant, Fire Marshal C. Wilcox.

Members Absent: Gary Shuhi

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman J. Campbell opened the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

2. Public Requests/Comments

None

3. Commission Requests

None

4. Approval of Minutes – August 11, 2022

Motion made to approve by J. Hodges, seconded S. Fogarty, J. Torrant abstained, approval of voting members was unanimous.

5. Budgets – Department, Capital & Operating Budgets, Insurance

Department – J. Hodges will do spreadsheet for next month on all tires to show year of tire, what vehicle and year/month to be replaced.

Capital Budgets – S. Fogarty needs numbers, quotes and will email chiefs before the next meeting. Looking at 5 year goal and priority is:

1. Litchfield's Fire Apparatus Ramp rebuild that was pushed from last year
2. Northfield's Engine 1
3. Fire Ponds – asking DEEP for a \$10,000 grant.

J. Campbell noted Bantam Firehouse already spent \$40,000 and needs an additional \$250,000 to replace all plumbing fittings. Northfield's 5 year plan will include all new hoses. J. Torrant suggested putting 5" hoses into ARPA request. Requests go to A. Combs. EMS is looking for an ambulance to replace #9 in 2027-28 and would like a building. Cost for Northfield's engine continues to increase and details will be discussed next month. Of the ambulance purchased last month - it was noted that the amount in excess of the approved capital is LVA's responsibility. Who will be responsible for over capital amount for Northfield's engine?

Operating Budgets – Is coming up in the next 2 months.

Insurance – J. Hodges made a motion to nominate S. Fogarty to continue to represent the fire commission, seconded by J. Campbell and vote was unanimous. J. Campbell stated over the previous years, there has been 2 or 3 meetings with CIRMA regarding policy coverage. CIRMA leaves with the list of questions and never provides answers. CIRMA wants to see VIS policy but VIS won't write the policy until they have an agreement. CIRMA has never clarified their coverage. Meeting will be scheduled next week to get answers [see New Business].

6. Committee Reports

None

7. Fire Marshal Report

All school inspections were completed in August. New educational use permit required under town ordinance to collect fees has been developed and submitted to educational occupancies. Fees are \$35 per building and are expected to bring in \$1,500. There were 85 inspections activities in August. Since Kidde is no longer doing Operation Save A Life, several area businesses were asked for donations of smoke detectors. A program is being developed for every fire call. Responders will verify the location has a working smoke detector. If one is needed, they won't leave until a free new one is installed. A new dry hydrant is going in at 568 Torrington Road. Thank you to Tom Graham for installing it at no cost to the town. Some October fire prevention supplies have been ordered. FEMA supplies are free but is waiting on PO approval for the rest. In conjunction with Park & Rec and Ace Hardware, a public safety day is tentatively scheduled at community field for October 23 with a rain date of October 30. Event will be like Touch a Truck. Is asking the state police and dive teams to come out also. For August, there were two structure fires, three car fires, eight burn permits, no blasting permits, no firework incidents and no equipment reports. Thank you to the neighbor that assisted with the barn fire until responders arrive and helped save the structure. Open burn permit for the pile at the recycling center will take place by the end of the month.

8. Update on Department Physicals - Review updated department rosters

- a) Bantam FD due in April
- b) E. Litchfield FD due in May
- c) Northfield FD due in June
- d) Litchfield FD due in November
- e) LVA due in November

9. Any EMS Business that needs to be discussed

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

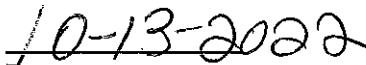
A special meeting to discuss insurance questions is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 5 p.m.

12. Adjournment

At 5:33 p.m., J Hodges moved to adjourn, J. Torrant seconded and all unanimously approved.



John Campbell, Chairman
Board of Fire Commissioners & EMS



Date