

**STONY HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Agenda
59 Stony Hill Rd
Bethel, CT 06801

Meeting was held on March 3, 2008 at Stony Hill Fire House with 44 members present.

Meeting was called to order at 20:00 hours.
Roll call was taken.

X Previous month's minutes read and accepted

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Balance	12,683.64
Savings Balance	51,414.01
Mutual Fund Balance	126,392.10
CD	42,888.88
Total:	233,378.63
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Chief's Report:

There were a total of 24 fire calls for the month of February.

The top responders were:

Vinne Pisani	19
Tommy Galliford	14
John Baker	13

- There will be an EMS meeting Thursday.
- Portables must be used when on a call.
- Thanks to all who helped clean the kitchen for the Health Dept Inspection. We still need to keep it clean on a day to day basis.
- A3- there is a bracket broken.
- Trucks are going out for service. Give Kenny a list of "to do's".
- New equipment is here, air packs, replacement air bags, new vent saw, new large step blocks, new hard hats, and pagers.
- Pagers #9, 23, 55, and 58 still need to be located.
- Budget to the town is up 1 ½%.
- The new ambulance has been ordered.
- 2 ½ " hose, helmets, and meter are on order.

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EMS Report:

There were 33 calls for the month of February

This Month's Top Responders were:

Chris Strolin 15
AJ Matturo and Ray Kennedy with 14
John Baker 13

The following 4 things were discussed at the supervisors meeting.

- Bethel Health Care drill will be on 4/5/08.
- Biohazard waste must be disposed of properly.
- The hospital was evaluated for its EMS CNS protocol.
- Andy McGuire has a volunteer position open. Please contact John Giamb Bruno if you are interested.
- CPR refresher was last month. Challenge exams will be this week.
- EMT class started Saturday.
- Inventory will be taken on EMS gear, excluding radios and pagers.
- EMS conference is March 14 and 15.
- Patrick Magyar has volunteered to be assistant ambulance engineer for March and April.
- The EMS drill for March will be on documentation and ambulance operation.
- It is very important for night calls to be covered if you can't make your shift.
- EMS committee will meet this month to go over the training schedule and night response.

Safety Report:

- SOG's are back on course.
- New members need to get physicals done.

Truck Reports**Engine 1:**

None

Engine 2:

- New fuel cans are on the truck.
- Please wash the truck after use.

Engine 3:

- Windshield has been replaced and truck realigned.

Rescue 2:

- Batteries have been changed in air packs.

Truck 4:

- None

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A3:

- Turn the oxygen off.

Training:

- Thanks to all who went to house fire.
- Rte 6 house will be available.
- Mobile field hospital drill will be April 2,3,4,5. It will be set up at Bethel Health Care.
- Please show up for drills.

Membership:

- Dennis Farrenkopf requested medical leave March 26 – June 26.
- Charlie Reive requested a 6 month leave of absence.

Public Relations:

None

Length of Service:

None

Grievance:

None

Board of Directors:

- Budget was presented. \$81,971.63. It was voted on and accepted.

Correspondence:

- Donations were received in memory of Katie Halpin.
- Asta Smith sent a check and thank you note for our response to her home.
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Bills:

None

By-Laws:

- Three proposed changes have been posted regarding exempt A and B issues.

Illness:

- Rick Studwell had surgery.

Fund Drive:

- Thanks again to all helped with the stuffing.
- Please put all mail in Kenny's slot and he will disseminate
- We need to get the boot sign painted.

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Special Activities:

- April 26 is the annual dinner at the Stony Hill Inn.
- The flower sale is Easter weekend.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

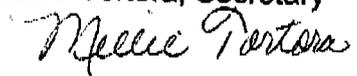
None

Good of the Company:

- State will not tax abatements.
- Blue light permits are on file.

Meeting adjourned at 21:26 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Millie Tortora, Secretary



Bylaw Change Proposal 3

Section 5A.

A Firefighter or EMS only member, with at least 15 years of good standing and at least forty (40) years of age may apply for Exempt "A" status. They shall retain all rights and privileges of an active member; except that their attendance at ambulance calls and fires shall not be compulsory but they are required to attend at least 1 drill per quarter. They may hold a civil office but they may not hold a line office. They will attend business meetings as called out in the Company By-Laws. They will pay annual dues. Personnel with Exempt A must satisfy the following criteria; they must meet all Company, State and Federally mandated health and safety requirements and have read and maintain a current understanding of Company Standard Operating Guidelines. Exempt "A" status members must meet same requirements as an active member to qualify for the Length of Service Award or the tax abatement.

Section 5A5B.

A Firefighter or EMS only member, who becomes unable to meet the requirements of the annual physical examination as required by law or has been found physically unqualified for duty as a firefighter by a licensed practicing physician of the State of Connecticut must apply for Exempt "B" status or Honorary Status (Section 5B). Under Exempt "B" status they will not actively participate in ambulance calls, fires, rescues calls, or drills. They may hold a civil office but they may not hold any line office. They will attend business meetings as called out in the Company By-Laws. They will pay their annual dues. If the member fails to apply for either status within 60 days of a request from the President then they will be automatically be dismissed from the Company. All Exempt "B" members, unless disabled in a Stony Hill Fire Company incident, will not be eligible for the Length of Service Award nor the tax abatement.

Section 5B5C.

Both Exempt "A" and Exempt "B" status must be applied for in writing. Both will be covered by the voting procedure as called out in the Company By-Laws. A two-thirds vote in the affirmative of the members present at any regular meeting is required for acceptance.

Section 5C5D.

Posted 2/4/08