

JUN 10 2009

TOWN OF BETHEL  
TOWN CLERKBethel Volunteer Fire Department  
Monthly Meeting  
Minutes of June 4, 2009

- Roll Call
  - Meeting called to order at 8:10 pm
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Moment of silence for departed members
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1. Treasurers Report:
    - Checking Balance: \$ 116,944.28
    - Saving Balance: \$ 23,509.39
  
  2. Officers Report:
    - Replace equipment on vehicles after every call – flashlights, radios back in charges, etc...
    - New SOG book is being put together, after the officers review and update SOG / SOP they will be put in a book in the radio room
    - Hose testing started today, will finish tomorrow
    - Annual truck inspections complete – all equipment in service
    - Selectman and police will start a new paramedic system on July 1<sup>st</sup> – In town medic will respond to ALS requests in both Bethel and Redding. Back up medic will redeploy to Bethel from the hospital 7 am – 5 pm or from home 5 pm to 7 am. We had no input in or knowledge of this change before 6/1/09 meeting.
    - Jen Mitchell is clear to drive ambulances
    - Thanks to all who helped with Memorial Day
    - Cameras installed in truck room. Anyone caught messing with others gear will be dismissed.
    - All truck tires over 10 years old will be replaced this month
    - Fire truck route to Stony Hill is Plumtrees to Rockwell or Old Hawleyville as the bridge at Walnut and Taylor Road is weak – 8 ton limit.
    - Members not fit tested for SCBA masks should not wear SCBA on calls until tested. Testing is being scheduled again.
    - If you some how missed all the Bloodborne Pathogens refreshers see Sherri or Jessica before responding on calls.
    - Crews are needed for Summer Sidewalk sales days and the July 4<sup>th</sup> Roadrace
    - Physicals need to be done by June 30<sup>th</sup>

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3. Ambulance Report / EMS report: (will now be combined)
  - Ambulance Crew – B. Cadella / R. Kennedy / J. Kiley
  - Region 5 Annual meeting and elections next Wednesday 6/10/09 at Region 5 office – 2 Farm Road, Southbury – All welcome.
  - Next Housatonic Valley meeting here September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7 pm.
  - No info on funding for Region from state yet
  - Congratulations to Jen Mitchell and Nick Ryan for becoming EMT's
  - MRT class starts 6/22/09 her Mon, Tues, Wed
  - Thanks to everyone – St. Mary Road Race went good
  - Please sign up for firecracker road race on door downstairs
  - EMS computer off ambulance until printing issue
  - Bike Race – 6/7/09 meet at FD at 8 am sign up downstairs
  - Reminder – remove linens in ED, Do not leave any Hipaa related info in EMS room
  - Top ten responders posted in red room
  
4. Pension Report:
  - List of members eligible for the tax abatement has been submitted to the town. A few address error have been corrected.
  - Pension committee budget has been submitted for fiscal year.
  - Anyone that has joined since June 30, 2008 please see the pension committee
  
5. Entertainment Report:
  - No report
  
6. Fund Drive Report:
  - Fund drive to date - \$23,723.00
  
7. House Committee:
  - 2 Member unable to work – reassigned to June's house committee (per officer in charge)
  
8. Museum Committee:
  - NO REPORT
  
9. Parade Committee:
  - Several parades coming up – list will be posted in coffee room and red room

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10. Room Committee:
  - No report
11. Scholarship Committee:
  - 1 Scholarship has been given and 1 to be given next week.
  - We will be participating at the Redding tractor show on June 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be handling the food and all money will benefit the scholarship committee.
12. Sickness and Accident Committee:
  - NO REPORT / NO CLAIMS
13. Truck Committee:
  - NO REPORT
14. CT Fireman's Associations:
  - NO REPORT
15. Uniform Committee:
  - T-shirt order will be posted in the next couple of weeks
16. Public Relations / Fire prevention:
  - NO REPORT
17. Board of Directors:
  - No Board of Directors meeting last month.
18. Application for membership:
  - Patrick Chiappeta: 2<sup>nd</sup> reading – voted in as probationary member
19. Bills against the company:
  - No report ready for meeting
20. Unfinished Business:
  - None

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21. New Business:

- Motion made to purchase two new microwaves for fire department (1<sup>st</sup> Ingram / 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Schaad). Purchase to come from kitchen account
- Issue brought up about emergency call box in front of the building. If used it does not do anything – President to look into phone issues.
- Humidifiers to be moved back into the basement – work out room.
- Regional dispatch a reality for all dispatch centers, needs to be discussed

22. Correspondence:

- Thank you letter and donation received from Kurt Gengenbach of Coasis.
- Thank you letter received from Brotherhood in Action
- Letters received from Mike Connors
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Letter expresses issues with the Pension Committee
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter expresses issues with Softball team
  - o President to respond to correspondence

23. Good and Welfare:

- Board of Directors computer up and running.
- Starting to spend allotted amount for Museum and Building grounds
- 2009 EMS awards was held recently – we had several people nominated for Instructors and William Cadella received the Chris Blackwell award – Congratulations.
- Looking to see if possible to put cable TV in the gym

24. House Committee for upcoming month assigned

25. Meeting adjourned : 9:12 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeannine M. Bruey  
Company Secretary