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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
THOMASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
MEETING MINUTES – January 3, 2023

The annual meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held January 3, 2023 at the Firehouse. Proper social distancing was practiced.

In attendance were: Cmsr. Tim Quinn Cmsr. Bob Norton Jr
 Cmsr. Jerry Scully Cmsr Hank McGee
 Cmsr Allan Olivero Cmsr JP Oldham
 Chief Jim O’Neil Acting Chief Glenn Clark
 2nd Asst Chief John Albrecht

1: The meeting was called to order at 18:32 hours by Chairman Quinn.

2: Election of Commission Chairman:

Meeting was turned over to secretary Oldham to open nominations for Commission Chairman. One nomination was received and a motion was made by Jerry Scully, seconded by Hank McGee to elect Chairman Quinn for board chairman for 2023. Motion Passed and meeting was turned over to Chairman Quinn.

3: Appointment of Commission Secretary:

Motion was made by Bob Norton, seconded by Allan Olivero to appoint JP Oldham as Commission Secretary. Motion Passed

4: Fire Marshal’s Report:

Fire Marshal Bob Norton, Sr. went over his monthly report along with his proposed 23-24 budget. Some discussion was held. Motion made by Allan Olivero, seconded by Hank McGee to except and support the Fire Marshal proposed budget of \$32,970.80

28 calls for December, 5 MVA, 10 storm related calls

316 total calls for 2022

5-6: Appointment of Fire Chief and assistant chiefs:

Chief O'Neil announced his retirement as chief of department.

The Board thanked him for his 35 plus years of service to the town of Thomaston, five of which were as Chief of Department. In the last year alone, the department received two engines, and over \$900,00 in grants. The board looks forward to his continued work in grant writing.

One nomination was received for **Chief of Department** and a motion was made by Bob Norton Jr, seconded by Allan Olivero to appoint Acting Chief Glen Clark to the position of Chief of Department. Motion passed.

One nomination was received for **Assistant Chief of Department** and a motion was made by Hank McGee, seconded by JP Oldham to appoint 2nd Assistant Chief John Albrecht to the position of Assistant Chief of Department. Motion passed

The board decided not to fill the third chiefs position at this time.

7: Reading / approval of minutes of previous meeting:

Motion made by Jerry Scully seconded by Tim Quinn to dispense with the reading of the December minutes and approve them as presented, Motion passed

8: Bills and communications:

Secretary Oldham went over the bills \$22,426 in bills for December, with some bills still outstanding.

9: Report of Chiefs:

Per call for December was \$4,695, for 27 incidents.

Average 12 members per call

Per call so far \$20,025 for 149 incidents, average of 10 members per call.

9.1 Training:

- Four members just finished FF1 training

9.2 Apparatus:

- Continuing annual apparatus certification servicing.
- New tires on front of T1

- New tires on E5
- Tanker 6 is still at shop, no new news
- Discussion was held on the need for a chief's car. The chiefs have concerns about liability if a chiefs personnel vehicle is damaged on a call, especially on the highway. The police department has offered to donate a 2017 SUV. Truck needs a water pump replaced at the cost of about \$1,500. Motion was made by Bob Norton Jr, seconded by Hank McGee to except the vehicle and make the necessary repairs and to paint the white areas black and add the necessary lettering. Motion passed.

9.3 Equipment:

- New washer and drier are in and downstairs
- Firefighting foam came in, and was used already at a car fire
- Prices for pole lights

9.4 Building:

- FF Galpin ran water lines to the basement for the washers.
- The room in basement was cleaned out and washers and driers moved there.
- Walls in the downstairs basement have been painted
- Chief will have the door fixed in the rear of meeting room

9.5 Miscellaneous:

- The Waterbury area Chiefs will meet here at the firehouse Thursday January 19, 2023
- Conner Brody and Joseph Johnpierre new members
- Christmas tree pick up has been scheduled
- Convention is coming along, helmet raffle tickets available

10: Report of Secretary/Treasurer

- as noted in packet

11: Report of Special Committees

None

12: Old Business:

Discussion was held on the status of the Tanker.

13: New Business

none

14: Report of Commissioners

None

15. Other Business

None

16. Executive Session

Motion by Jerry Scully, seconded by Hank McGee to go into executive session. Motion passed. Board went into executive session at 18:49 with only Board members regarding personnel matters. Board returned to meeting at 18:57

17.Adjournment: There being no further business, motion made by JP Oldham, seconded by Tim Quinn and passed to adjourn the meeting at 19:27 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon-Paul Oldham / Commission Secretary