

Board of Fire Commissioners Thomaston Fire Department Meeting Minutes March 7, 2023

DRAFT – NOT YET APPROVED

The March monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held at the Thomaston Fire Station.

In attendance were Commissioner Tim Quinn
Commissioner Hank McGee Chief Glenn Clark
Commissioner Jerry Scully Asst. Chief John Albrecht
Commissioner Robert Norton Jr. FM Robert Norton Sr.
Commissioner Allan Olivero DFM James O'Neil

Members if the Public: Marc DiBeneditto Sr., Eric Weid, and Dustin Guerrette.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1832 hours by Chairman Quinn.
2. **Fire Marshal's Report:**
Fire Marshal Robert Norton Sr. submitted the Fire Marshals Report. Inspections are being worked on with good progress. Deputies are also conducting inspections. Plume House is fully compliant and has their CO. Notable call was structure fire at 16 Grand Street. The Fire Marshal left the meeting at 1840 hours.
3. Motion was made by Comm. Olivero and seconded by Comm. Scully to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they were emailed out and approve them as presented. Motion Passed.
4. Commission Treasurer Oldham left the bills that were on hand. The monthly expenditures were \$25,914.25. A motion was made by Comm. McGee and seconded by Comm. Olivero to approve the bills. Motion passed.
5. **Report from the Chief and Assistant Chief**
 - Training –**
3/13 will be CPR, DeFib, Bloodborne Pathogens and Narcan
3/20 will be joint training with our Truck in Northfield, they have a house
 - Apparatus –**
Tanker 6 is a work in progress, still waiting on the tank
Engine 2 still needs to be hose tested, They are in Terryville and hope to be done in a day or two. Thomaston lettering on it will be done soon.
Engine 4 has been wrapped and being well used.
Engine 5 and 7 have had their service and E5 had its fuel tank replaced.
 - Building –**
Washer and dryer are working well, a little modification will be made to the sink to avoid possible overflow.
 - Miscellaneous –**
FEMA Grant was applied for, item is the Air Compressor.

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There are 2 radio bank chargers that we received during the original purchase that do not work with our radios. They do work with Terryvilles. A motion was made by Comm. McGee and seconded by Comm. Scully to donate the 2 chargers to Terryville Fire Department. Motion passed.

Capital –

- Air Compressor
- Gear
- SCBA
- Communications
- Storage building behind FD

Chief spoke on the structure fire at 16 Grand Street, and how well things went. 3 pieces of apparatus were out quickly. Police Dept. did a good job in the conditions to aid in the rescue of a handicapped gentleman. Chief will be discussing the incident with CSFA. Also the first due engine had 2 recently certified FF's who came up from the cadets on it and did exceptional.

Foam is ready to be taken away. Contract is signed pickup is being scheduled. Will keep it on file in case the state will eventually refund the money. Discussion on having to use the foam inductors. We can run a class for the members who do not have FFII on how to use the foam and also serve as a refresher to all members.

Retirement Party for Retired Chief O'Neil will be May 6th and tickets are \$30.

2 applications were picked up by residents last night and membership is holding strong with good responses.

Need to schedule training to spend some of the training funds. There will be a bill coming for 2 FFI Students at around \$1250 each.

HVAC system being revamped is being investigated and the maintenance coordinator is monitoring some of the system online.

Physicals will be conducted at the end of the month. At Concentra after hours.

New members need to take the Sexual Harassment Training.

6. Report of Secretary/Treasurer:

No Report

7. Report of Special Committees

None

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8. Old Business

Discussion on billing, needs to be revisited as prices are out of date.

9. New Business

None

10. Report of Commissioners

Comm. Norton obtained some free training materials for the department to be used as the chiefs would like.

Comm. Norton mentioned an Asset Tracking Program that could be beneficial to the department. The CT Fire Academy, Middlefield, and North Haven are currently using it and it is working well. A demo will be set up soon.

11. Other Business/Public Comment

None

12. Executive Session

Went into Executive Session at 1914 hours where a personnel matter was discussed between the Commissioners and Chiefs. Executive Session ended at 1930 hours.

13. There being no further business, a motion was made by Comm. Scully and Seconded by Comm. McGee to adjourn the meeting at 1933 hours. Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted,
Commissioner Robert Norton Jr.
Filling in for the Commission Secretary