

**Bristol Fire Department  
Board of Engineers Meeting  
November 29, 2021**

**Call to order, Quorum Established, Attendance, Minutes & Agenda Approval,  
Next Regular Business Meeting.**

The meeting was called to order by **Chief Michael DeMello** at 7:03PM, a quorum was established. In attendance were, **Assistant Chief Anthony Sousa, Assistant Assistant Chief Danny Cheatom, Battalion Chief Jim Vieira Safety & Training, Captain Sam Turner Division of EMS, Captain JP Perry, Dreads, Board Clerk Lou Mascola** recorded the minutes.

A motion and second to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 meeting, and the meeting agenda for this meeting, November 29, 2021 were unanimously approved by the board.

**The next regular business meeting will be held on January 3, 2022 @7:00 PM**

**Correspondence, Apparatus Reports, Station Requests and Issues, Board Reports**

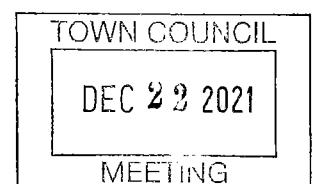
**Agenda**

**Correspondence**

- ★ A notification was received from the Firemen's Memorial Committee advising the companies that the Annual Sponsor's Book would be out soon.

**Assistant Chief Anthony Sousa ( Ever Ready Station)**

- ★ Requested batteries for the SCBA's Voice amplifiers.
- ★ The driver's portable on Engine 2 is not connected to the headset.
- ★ Discussed: Hi- Rise mounting bracket, air compressor, and new hose.
- ★ Reported progress on the painting of the apparatus bay at the Ever Ready Station.
- ★ Requested permission for Engine 2 to take Santa around town on December 18th.



### **Assistant Chief Danny Cheatom ( Defiance Station)**

- ★ Discussed the generator at the Defiance Station with Chief DeMello.
- ★ Reported that the electrical feed to the shed needs to be connected.
- ★ Received a letter from Amy Bucci requesting an engine to participate in a "flashlight candy cane hunt" on December 10th, from 6:00 - 8:30 PM. Engine 3 will participate in this event.
- ★ Requested permission for Engine 3 to transport Santa around town on December 24th.

### **Captain JP Perry ( Dreadnaught Station)**

- ★ Reported that the "stop engine " alarm on Ladder 1 is sounding.
- ★ Michael Caton is ready to become a driver of Ladder 1.
- ★ Reported issues with the lights in the basement / restroom areas at the Dreads Station.
- ★ Requested that someone look at the stairway leading to the second floor at the station.
- ★ Appears that the bilge heaters on Marine 7 are causing a drain on the batteries.
- ★ Reminded the board to inform their members that no firefighting gear is to be worn while on the water with either marine units.
- ★ Requested permission for Ladder 1 to drive with Santa on December 19th.

### **Battalion Chief Jim Vieira ( Division of Safety & Training)**

- ★ Reported that only (3) applications have been received for the next Firefighter I Class. If you know of any additional names, please submit them as soon as possible.

### **Captain Sam Turner ( Division of EMS)**

- ★ Discussed the damaged mirror on Rescue 1 with the board.

### **Chief Michael DeMello ( Chief of the Department)**

- ★ Reported that there is a significant water leak on Engine 4's tank.
- ★ Stated that the office is not receiving the weekly apparatus reports from some of the first drivers.
- ★ **Reminded all department members that everyone is to use professional conduct when interacting with the public.**
- ★ The Incentive Stipends should be available with the December 24th payroll.
- ★ There will be Christmas EMS Details from 5:00 PM on December 24th, through 5:00 AM on December 27th.
- ★ The Gator will be available for the town's Christmas Lighting on December 4th.

### **Old Business**

- ★ Chief DeMello discussed Covid updates with the board. With the new strain(s), he will keep the department updated on any future clinics, or advisories.

### **New Business**

- ★ There will be a second vaccine clinic to be held at Guiteras School on December 9th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Anyone signed up to work at the clinic has been asked to arrive by 3:00 PM, to assist in the set up.

### **For the Good of the Department**

- ★ Chief DeMello thanked the members of the department for keeping up the job well done with both fire & ems calls.
- ★ On behalf of the Chief and the Board of Engineers, we wish the membership and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New year.

## Calendar Updates for December 2021

December 2021
<b>Nov. 29 - Board Meeting (December)</b>
<b>1- Company Meetings</b>
<b>7- Engine 4 Meeting</b>
<b>14- Rescue Meeting</b>
<b>16 - Fire Police Meeting</b>
<b>22- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>23- Firemen's Memorial Meeting</b>
<b>24- Christmas Eve</b>
<b>25- Christmas Day</b>
<b>31 - New Years Eve</b>
<b>Santa Rides</b>
<b>December 12 - Hydes</b>
<b>December 18 - Ever Ready</b>
<b>December 19 - Dreads</b>
<b>December 24 - Defiance</b>

## Closing & Adjournment

Without any further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lou Mascola*

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