Bristol Fire Department Board of Engineers Meeting May 31, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order by **Chief Michael DeMello** at 7:00 PM, a quorum was established. In attendance were **Deputy Chief Danny Cheatom**, **Assistant Chief Anthony Sousa**, **Assistant Chief Barry Carinha**, **Assistant Chief JP Perry**, **Captain Sam Turner Division of EMS**, **Battalion Chief Vieira Training & Safety**, **Board Clerk Lou Mascola recorded the minutes**.

A motion and second to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022 meeting, and the meeting agenda for this meeting, May 31, 2022 were unanimously approved by the board.

The next regular business meeting will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022 @7:00 PM

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

Agenda

Correspondence

> The department did not receive any correspondence to be read at this meeting

Deputy Chief Cheatom

- ➤ Reported that the generator at the Defiance Station has been hooked up. Chief DeMello will notify Sunshine Energy.
- ➤ Inquired on whether the Rhode Islander Highlanders are scheduled for the Firefighters Memorial Sunday. The cost for them is \$1500.00.

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Assistant Chief Sousa

- > Inquired if the wheel chock bracket for Engine 2 had ever arrived. It is believed to be at the DPW.
- > Inquired about the replacement tele-light. Chief DeMello stated that this will be taken care of after July 1.
- > The generator at the Ever Ready Station will be relocated to the North Side of the station. Chief DeMello stated that the trim at the station will be painted.
- > Requested to procure some stacking shelving racks for the station.

Assistant Chief Carinha

> Inquired about the ice machine and the A/C at the Hydes Station.

Assistant Chief Perry

- > Reported no new issues with the apparatus at the Dreadnaught Station.
- > Inquired about re-filling the RIT Bottle.
- > Inquired about any uniforms for Firefighters Memorial Sunday. Chief DeMello stated that there are some shirts and pins in stock.
- > Requested to acquire some Roundup Weed Killer for the rear of the Dreadnaught Station.

Battalion Chief Vieira Safety & Training

- > Reported that the Pump Course is progressing well.
- > So far (4) firefighters have signed up for the Aerial Course which will begin on August 2nd and run through September.
- ➤ Announced that (8) firefighters have passed the HazMat Course at the State Fire Academy.
- > The next Firefighter I Class will begin in September. The dates & times will be announced at a later date.
- ➤ Any qualified members interested in taking details, there will be a class held on June 8th at 6:30 PM in the Training Room.
- > Announced that there will be four CPR classes given during a calendar year. The first one is scheduled for June 22nd.

Captain Turner Division of EMS

Discussed with the board the upcoming CPR Trainings.

Chief of the Department Mello

- > Announced that there is a recall on a part for the new Rescue 2 causing a delay.
- ➤ Going forward the department will be switching to "dual band" radios. The department has applied for a grant for this purchase.
- > The Annual July 4th Celebration department meeting will be held on June 29th.

Old Business

- ➤ There will be a Covid Vaccination Clinic for Town Employees on Wednesday June 15th from 10-12 at the Training Room. In order to get the second booster, you must be 50 years old or older, or have an underlying condition.
- > With the Monkeypox Virus going around, it does not spread by airborne particles. You must come in to direct contact with the person carrying the virus.
- > Please have your detail sheets turned into the office as soon as possible.
- > Discussion regarding Fire Police Details for the Fireworks on July 3rd.

New Business

- The board discussed the following events that will be happening during the month of June and early July:
- ★ June 10th & 11th The Black Ships Festival returns to Rockwell Park.
- ★ June 12th Firefighters Memorial Parade & Wreath Laying.
- ★ June 12th The Annual Orange Crate Derby
- ★ June 14th Flag Day Ceremonies Town Common arrive by 5:45 PM, Class A uniforms are required. All department members are invited to attend.
- ★ On June 23rd through the 25th, The New England Fire Chiefs Expo will be held in Worcester Mass. Chief DeMello has invited the members of the board and company captains to attend. The expo will be held on the 24th & 25th.
- ★ On June 25th- there will be a "half marathon" being held in Bristol. There is an EMS presence required for this event. There will be a detail for (6) EMT's, (1) gator, and (1) Rescue vehicle.
- ★ EMS details for the 4th of July Celebration will begin on July 3rd.
- ★ There is discussion that there may be a concert held on July 3rd. There was no further information regarding this potential addition as of this meeting.

For the Good of the Department

- ➤ Chief DeMello extends his gratitude to those continuing to do a great job with their responses. The department welcomes anyone who can respond to any incident. The department would love to see you.
- ➤ Chief DeMello & Deputy Chief Cheatom extend an enormous thank you to those who responded to the mutual aid incident in Newport recently. Our crews worked well with the departments that were on scene.

Event / Meeting Calendar for June 2022

June 2022

- 31 May June Board Meeting
- 1 Company Meetings
- 4 Dreadnaught Comedy Night
- 7 Engine 4 Meeting
- 9 Fire Police Meeting
- 12 Firemens Memorial Sunday
- 14 Rescue Meeting
- 15 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- 16 Firemen's Memorial Committee Meeting
- 23 25 NE Fire Chiefs Expo

Company / Department Event Announcements

- ★ July 17th Department Muster
- ★ August 6th Ever Ready Banquet
- ★ August 7th Ever Ready Family Outing
- ★ August 27th Hydes Family Outing
- ★ October 16th Ever Ready Clam Boil
- ★ November 4th Hydes Turkey Roll
- ★ November 6th Defiance Clam Boil

Closing & Adjournment

Without any further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Mascola

Lou Mascola Clerk for the Board of Engineers Bristol Fire Department Bristol, Rhode Island 02809