

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting
July 7, 2003

Meeting Called to Order by President Ken Ludwig at 7:33 pm

Secretary's Report was posted and e-mailed to members.

M/S/P to approve minutes of June meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Steve Janssen - last year was \$2,309.11 over budget. For this year's budget \$38,670.00 for 2003-04. In checking account, received \$9.28 check from town for interest. Received from AKC Fund \$1,000.00 donation. Received \$100.00 from Leon Deloy, \$100.00 from Hope Childs, \$100.00 from Ian Taylor. \$1,396.74 left in checking account.

M/S/P to approve Treasurer's Report.

LCD Report - Chief Steve Osborne - no meeting last month. Nepaug is coming on line.

Chief's Report - Chief Steve Osborne - 123 calls last fiscal year. Orin is fixed; engine 90 going out around July 14, waiting for parts, going to American LaFrance. While it is gone, will get old engine from Sharon to use during that time. While truck is out, Board of Finance will be advised as to the cost of repairs. Officers meeting July 16, to do membership review in preparation of August Annual meeting. Town's ISO rating has improved, went from a 6 to a 5 in the center of town, and from a 9 to an 8B in the outlying areas. If everything goes as planned, it should decrease again in a couple of years. This will decrease town's insurance cost basis

Warden 's Report - new saw will be put in service and there will be training for it.

Training Officer's Report - first Monday training will be ladders, second Monday will be hose test, also for those interested, sign up on sheet posted on bulletin board for helicopter training

Mechanic's Report - Jeff questioned where are the new stickers on the truck that was repaired. They are forthcoming and will be placed on the truck. The generator has been fixed.

Fire Police Report - no report

Explorer's Report - new member, Tony Peterson. Their new gear is here

Old Business -

1. Brush truck to Superior spring on Friday, July 11
2. Building Committee - no report
3. Truck Committee - setting meeting date
4. Incentive Committee - no report
5. By-law additions required for 501c3 – Ken will get exact wording from the accountant:
 1. No political contributions to individuals or campaigns
 2. Upon dissolution, funds to be directed to
6. By-law review – the review was completed, suggested changes will be made and the by-laws will be formally presented at August 1st meeting to be voted on at the September meeting
7. The sink was left full of dirty dishes, please clean up your mess when you make it

New Business

1. Fund raiser - reflective house numbers for 911 calls, Matt Ludwig will oversee installation, \$465.00 needed for start up, will charge \$20.00 for each sign, extra \$5.00 for a post, will be installed by members of NVFD, explorers will be asked to assist with this, and funds will be shared

M/S/P to purchase 50 signs for \$465. and to begin working on this on-going fund raiser.

2. Canaan Fireworks stand-by is on July 26, food will be provided from IGA, bring something if you come.

M/S/P to spend up to \$100.00 for food. Truck leaves at 7:00 pm

3. Parades for July: Windsor Locks, July 12, truck leaves at 6 pm
4. Parade on Aug 2, East Hartland, Aug 9, Broad Brook
5. Bed Race - North Canaan, July 18, 7 pm
6. August 25 is the Annual Meeting/Meal, sign up sheet for meal choice will be posted on bulletin board
7. Norfolk Now - new monthly newspaper in town, NVFD needs people willing to write articles for it, if interested, see Ken
8. Steak dinner, Aug. 23 here at Fire House, 3 servings, 5, 6, and 7 pm
9. CONN-OSHA Quarterly now only by e-mail
10. Submitted grant request for a 6 wheel Trail Gator.
11. Nominating Committee - Sandy Evans, Loraine Preece, will be members, nomination forms will be sent to members, tabulated and reported to the membership per the current by-laws
12. New web site is up and running, www.norfolkfire.org - the e-mail address for the department is firehouse@norfolkfire.org - Cashman Computer is hosting

the web site for free, they will be sent a thank you note.

13. Letter from Daryl Byrne about letting NVFD rent garage for price of \$75.00 monthly, no lease is needed but with a hold-harmless agreement, size of garage is 8x16, basically the size of a 1-car garage.

M/S/P to rent the garage from Daryl Byrne on a month-to-month basis for \$75.00 a month. A hold-harmless agreement will be drawn up and signed. Garage will be available on August 1, 2003. (1 abstention by Arthur Rosenblatt.)

14. Committee will be formed to look into the acquisition of another building on the property to store equipment.

M/S/P for a Committee to look into purchase of a storage building be formed with members Steve Osborne, Arthur Rosenblatt, Ron Zanobi, Leo Colwell, and Steve Janssen.

M/S/P to adjourn at 8:55 pm

Submitted by Judy Ludwig