

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Feb. 2, 2009

President Rowland Denny called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

There were 21 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P to accept the minutes of 1/5/09.

Treasurer's Report

M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's report.

\$4715.00 received in donations this month. This includes \$750.00 received from the 250th Committee in appreciation for the help in August.

Appeal letter has brought in \$14,000. 00 to be used for air packs.

Have spent 79% of town budget so far.

LCD

Working on CAD with Norfolk. Will be traveling in the area making EMD presentations to schools, nursing homes, etc. Region 5 personnel are moving out of Troop L to Southbury. Doing evaluations on all personnel within the next couple of months. Shift times have changes to 5:30 and 6:00. Changing uniform colors. Working on protocols for strike teams. Voice recorded will be installed this month to change into single WAV file. LCD is getting prices to update console at the center.

Working on Sherman and Hartland tower sites. Looking at possible increase of 3% in budget. Trying to increase 911 fees on phone bill from .50 to .75. Reverse 911, how many towns have it, would cost \$2,000.00 to set up several towns Norfolk, Barkhamsted, New Hartford and Colebrook. Will be a by-law vote in February.

Chief's Report:

1. Job well done to the responders' of the head on MVA on Greenwoods West. A tough call with serious injuries your response and mutual aid responders noted professional demeanor.
2. No changes in the Seagraves. Delivery is set for June 1, 2009.
3. The Blue light list has been forwarded to the State DMV.
4. The apparatus vehicles are being re-registered for DMV.
5. All the tools that were damaged or misplaced have been returned or repaired.
6. The damaged hose is going for repair this week and the replacement hose has been ordered.
7. The line officers met 1/14 to review equipment needs, Seagrave delivery and training. We had not met since October. Due to ICS 300 in November and the Christmas Holiday in December. Our next meeting will be a council meeting called by the President 2/11 @ 7 pm. I ask the trustees and Treasurer to attend to review and approve a budget submission to the town. The Board of Finance has asked for a zero increase over last year's budget and would like the budget request to be submitted by Feb. 20. My preliminary review of the current budget and cost. Two areas require increase funding Truck maintenance and SCBA. Some line items may be reduced if approved by the trustees. Some may increase department expenses in place of town funding. One is training and the other stipends allocated for the mechanic positions.
8. The old Survivair Air Packs and spare parts have been donated to the New Marlborough Fire Department. They were very thankful. Some of the packs were re-gifted to them as we obtained new Scott Packs as well as old equipment from other towns. Two new packs have been ordered from the Appeal letter fund. The appeal letter fund has covered the cost of the installation of the donated breathing air compressor as well as the addition equipment need for the RIT pack that was purchased with emergency management funding.

9. Engine 90 will be out of service on the 4th, to be lettered for the championship received.
10. Kelsey Hill has requested going to the summer fire school, a request will be made to the Road Race Committee for funding, if not received from then, the Children's Foundation will be contacted.
11. Don't forget to bring your sweetheart or significant other to the Valentine's Day dance on the 14th!
12. It is with regret I inform the department of the passing of a good hearted man, former member Past Assistant Chief Philip Byrne. Philip was Richard's brother and Keith's and My Uncle. A memorial service will be held at the Christ Church on Saturday February 7th at 1pm. Reception at the Coon Club to follow. Attend if you can. Wear your uniform if possible. Meet at the church at 12:45 pm to enter as a group.

Warden's Report:

Everything seems to be in order from the structure fire. Damaged equipment has been repaired. Spare bottles are now gone. New air pack performance sheets have been made and need to be filled out. Red bags on truck are high-pressure air packs, black bags are low pressure.

Fire Police:

Thanks to all the help at the MV accident last week.

Explorers:

No report

Training:

February 9th 6:30p NVFD Drill (Airpacks)

February 10th 7p Haz-Mat OPS Refresher in North Canaan Class 1 of 2

February 11th 7p NVFD council meeting

February 16th 6:30 NVFD Drill (Ladders)

February 17th 7p Haz-Mat OPS Refresher in North Canaan Class 2 of 2

Correspondence:

North Canaan is having dance on Valentine's Day and sent us complimentary tickets. Same night as our dance

Burrville is hosting a Fire Fighter I class, Brianna Whalen in planning to attend this spring.

DEP is looking for people to train for forest fire duty; applications need to be returned by Feb. 20, to put out forest fires. See Daryl if interested in attending.

NVFD received a letter from Board of Finance requesting a 0% increase in budget.

Committee Reports:

- **Building Committee:**

Architect has made changes in plans so it can also be put out to bid for modular buildings. Looking for drawings to come back and put together another bid package.

- **Insurance Committee:**

An audit of our coverage and the department was not billed enough for the coverage we receive, so it will go up for next year.

- **House Committee:**

No report

- **ATV Committee:**

No report

Old Business:

Dance committee: Brianna has sent tickets to some area departments, and has posted signs around town. Article also placed into Norfolk Now. Need a deposit check of \$250.00 to be mailed. Balance will be paid by check at the dance. Set up to be done on Friday night, to reduce cost of custodial services at the school. **Members of the NVFD are requested to bring snack type foods for Saturday evening (finger foods, sandwiches chips, etc.** Members are requested to sell tickets. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

New Business:

Jody will be setting up a bus trip to the casino for April, cost of approx. \$20.00. Need to sell a minimum of 40 seats.

Paul requested thinking about starting each meeting with a moment of silence for past members.

Paul presented a model of a storage unit for the trophies. It was also suggested to remove the closet and put in a trophy case. He will get information and cost to change closet into trophy case.

M/S/P to spend \$200.00 to have Paul build a trophy display unit for the meeting room to be placed on the wall between the ladies restroom and the door to the bays.

M/S/P to adjourn at 8:30 pm

Judy Ludwig
Secretary