

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024

President Paul Padua called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The President asked for a moment of silence for our past deceased members.

There were 22 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Gary Bottum, Justin Zarzycki to accept the Minutes of Dec. 4, 2023.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 33% of the Town Budget.

CD's have been transferred, Treasurer and President have done that.

M/S/P John DeShazo, Richard Byrne to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Please attend the planning & zoning meeting Jan. 9th at 630 PM at Town Hall

Training this month is split between Ashley and Justin who will do new truck training

Car 2 is now the incentive committee head Car 3 is now the officer responsible for turnout gear. Please direct inquiries to them

Incentive forms are on the table in the Meeting Room at the station. If you need them handed in to Town Hall, please leave them in Chiefs mailbox

Drivers, please report any damage to apparatus as soon as possible. This is not for discipline in anyway. Just so repairs can be made as soon as possible

Car 2:

Legislative night at the fire academy: representatives Maria Horn, Jay Case, Lisa Seminara, Michelle Cook in attendance.

#1: Fire fighter Cancer bill passed. However, firefighters will be declined any cancer coverage if there is there has been any tobacco use in the last 15 years. Smoking, Chew, Dip, Vape, anything with Tobacco.

#2: Big push for better 800mhz coverage in the Troop B area, giving services their talk groups, and better responsiveness from CTS.

Reminder when parking on scenes. Watch when parking downstream on blind curves. There needs to be pre-warning in the form of someone or something to signal motorists to slow down before they come upon you. Also shut off headlights to not blind oncoming traffic. The Traffic Incident Management class is free online, located on the NVFD website under "Links"

-Please remember to rinse off the trucks after calls. Members of the community come thru this station to see things and dirty trucks just look bad.

-Incentive Meeting TBA. Let C2 know if you want to help on the committee.

-Updating our ID tags, firefighters, general members, cadets, everyone. DeShazo needs to take your picture.

-Working on a yearly Event calendar of NVFD activities for members to better schedule all the things we do down here

Car 3:

Leave the pump heaters on, on the pumpers.

Driver training B50

Gear check for problems

Calls to 83 Litchfield Road, park on at Mountain View, off the road

No hydrants need to be cleared out due to rain

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

No Report

Public Relations:

No Report

Fire Marshall:

No Report

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

No report

- **Fund Raising:**

No Report

- **Insurance Committee**

VFIS – looking into protection plan for the trucks

- **Brush Tank Committee**

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Ted Hinman for \$80 for reflective black striping on the body of B50

- **Building Committee**

Brian reminded everyone of P&Z meeting at Town Hall, Tuesday, at 6:30. Need more members to attend. Sandy Evans reported that we are 2nd on the agenda and that all 3 applications have been submitted.

- **Anniversary Committee**

Steven brought up planning is starting for another Silent Auction to be held in August 2024.

- **By-Law Committee**

No Report

Correspondence:

\$10,000.00 grand was received for the blue house signs. Only 19 homeowners have responded. An article will be written and put on social media.

Several thank you letters were received.

Old Business:

Old Brush 50 is now at DPW, we want a photo shoot with keys being handed over. Jon Barbagallo is working on photo shoot.

Discussion about bears and trash.

New Business:

M/S/P Steven, Justin \$100.00 for chili to replace what's in the freezer, will eat old for February meeting.

M/S/P Ted, Justin for \$100.00 to replace beards and gloves for Santa.

Keith Byrne asked about delivery from Santa, does the NVFD deliver to Meadowbrook and children in need? The church already takes care of that. Tara at the Town Hall has the information.

Kitty brought up that everyone should have a Narcan kit. As of Jan. 1, EMR will be able to use epi-pens.

Richard Byrne brought up issue of illegal drugs when responding to overdose calls.

Sue Frisch has requested assistance in flooding the ice-skating rink if the weather ever gets cold enough.

If a vehicle gets damaged in any way, please notify an officer so that it can be repaired.

Jan 16-19, the ambulance will have a new deck plate installed and there will be a substitute ambulance in place.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Steven Hutchins to adjourn at 7:35.

Minutes taken by Ken Ludwig