

## **Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, November 20, 2023, call to order: 1904**

**Attendance:** In Person: Mark Nall, Richard Dvorak, George Hagar, Diane Carboni, Alison Dvorak, Shannon Peppin, Danitza Nall, Laura Burke, Byron Crofts, Braydon Crofts, John Hanks, Jenny Farelly, Ray Henry, Connor Tuttle, Jason, Lovett, Lilly Lovett (Explorer), Alden Miner (Guest); Offered via Google Meet: Brian Reynolds, Patricia Hayward-Paige, Jodie Hanks, Jeremy Beiseigel, Theresa Smith (probationary), Bethanie Lovett

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes from October 2023:** Diane makes motion to approve minutes, Shannon seconds, all approve. (20)

**Treasurer Report:** Shannon Peppin provided report and will be posted with Minutes. Review of accounts and noted approximately \$7000 insurance for ambulance to be reimbursed by town. Craft Fair net profit was \$1938. Meeting with CPA scheduled for 12/8. Motion to approve by Mark, second by Danitza, all approve (20)

**Chief Report:** Mark Nall provided report.

- 23 calls: 16 EMS, 5 Fire, 2 Mutual Aid to Lebanon.
- Electrical Vehicle training attended by Mark and Richard. Sometimes the best option is to move vehicle to safe place where it will not spread issue to others. There is a lot to learn.
- Town information meeting with Selectman: rodent baits will be put around building, Water well continues in progress, plans to clean and pump septic season.
- New London County Chiefs meeting reviewed Cancer funds updates and need to record exposure 5 times. Still looking at removal of tank foam on our truck.
- Windham County Chiefs meeting notes radio progress and will include items for trucks/5 mobile for apparatus. These cost \$5000 per mobile unit and \$3000 per handheld. Dispatch is down 2 people, has 3 new trainees.

**Deputy Chief Report:** position vacant

**Assistant Deputy Chief Report:** Gaynelle Crofts absent, Chief Nall provided report.

- CAG reports are under way
- Bylaws are under review
- N95 Fit testing required
- Live Fire training being planned for Spring

**Captain:** Byron Crofts provided report

- Reminder for all that attended the Live Burn training to wash gear.
- More information for training coming soon.

**Lieutenant:** Brian Reynolds provided report.

- Extinguishers are all up to date
- SCBAs tested and updated
- Watch for more possible training and share with officers
- Jake Benjamin will also be helping with the radio updates

**Rescue Lt:** Braydon Crofts provided report.

- Researching new tablets for ambulance to include a keyboard option.
- Continued research of training mannequins.

**Chief Engineer:** George Hagar provided report.

- Fixed the lights on the Rescue truck

- Changing some lights to LED as they need replacement.
- Working on the Service Truck
- Richard noted that the light on the back of the Ambulance needs to be looked at.

**IT and Admin:** Danitza Nall provided report verbally and via email

- Printer had a paper jam, appeared all paper was removed but sensor kept detecting, brought it over to Columbia Kennedy Exchange to check paper jam \$43, no solution other than it might be a faulty sensor and recommended to take to HP specialist in Manchester. Today, TGM Copiers of Manchester owner reported \$125 to bring it in and clean it; could also be dirty rollers and/or dust causing sensor to detect paper jam; if sensor is needed, the part cost can be about \$35 and then labor fee depending on intensity of the job; Owner suggested it's worth the repair, since the printer is 6 years old and was around \$600. I also called Geek Squad from Waterford, but they wanted \$100 to come out, but they don't do it for organizations, only residential and business.
- October rewards report was approved for all listed
- Past two months busy with voicemails calls and email inquiries for Craft fair and other matters
- Replaced battery to IPAD 525, cost \$125
- Nothing new to report with the ESO Rewards report, the trainer is out.
- Per officers, EMS patient refusals will now be paid and added to the rewards report.
- Assisted with Craft Fair
- Further discussion with membership about printer repair and possible costs. Richard made motion to spend up to \$200 to investigate repair of the printer, Brian seconds, all in favor (20)

**Old Business:**

- Chief noted Kudos to all that attended the Live Burn training.
- The Tahoe is in service now. Must be 21 years of age to drive department vehicles per town rules but there is no special license required to drive the Tahoe. Brian discussed the radio to be used in the Tahoe. Connor suggested putting a Med bag in it. Braydon said they could move the bag from Tanker to Tahoe.
- Radios need a repeater to operate on Franklin 72 Channel.

**New Business:**

- Chief reviewed protocols for vehicle response. Notes no dirty gear can go in the Tahoe. Diane and George are working with Camaro Signs. Brian suggests contractor bags in Tahoe in case need to transport dirty gear and may also need to add bio-hazard bags. Suggested review of the use of lights in rescue vehicles for all that will drive it.

**Good of the Order:**

- Alden Miner, recently elected First Selectman, will join the department as a social member.
- Santa Cruise will be 12/16, 10 am to 2 pm. There will not be a Breakfast with Santa event this year. Members that expressed interest included Jeremy, Theresa, Jodie, Brian, Bethany
- DCF Breakfast is 12/9, 9-12, we cook breakfast for them. They do all the rest.
- December monthly meeting 12/18 will be a Holiday Potluck dinner.
- 12/20 Bill Eyberse will provide OSHA training 1800, N95 Fit testing 1730
- Richard noted that the Kitchen should be considered for Commercial license since Uncas Health Department has increased costs for individual events and the town has possible ARPA funds for repair and upgrade costs. Committee volunteers include Alison, Mark, Diane and Jodie
- Willimantic Light Parade is this Friday 11/24. Meet at station at 3:30 pm to decorate trucks.

**Membership:** Jennifer Farelly has met 6 month probation. Membership review and discussion. Mark makes motion to make full member, Brian seconds, all approve (20)

**Committees:**

- Media/Marketing Committee – Craft Fair activities, Taking Holiday picture after meeting tonight.
- Uniform Committee- Jodie noted no report.
- Truck and Funding- Jeremy noted no report.
- Fundraising- Jodie noted previous information about Craft Fair.
- By-laws- Bethanie noted no report.
- Hall- Jim Crofts absent, no report.

**Correspondence:** none

Chief reminds to dress for the weather with socks, gloves, hats, etc.

Meeting adjourned 1957 by President Dvorak, seconded by Brian; Respectfully submitted, Alison Dvorak, Secretary

Next meeting will be Monday, December 18, 2023, google meet link: <https://meet.google.com/bko-yzsz-ugk>