

**CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
Thursday 9, 2016  
Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 4:30

Commissioners present: Janine Bean, Michael Digregorio, Steve Bamsey

Others present: Gregg Quint- Superintendent, Chief Solomon

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

**Mr. Digregorio made a motion to approve items A through F, motion seconded by Mr. Bamsey; motion passed 3-0-0.**

- a. Ratify A/P Manifest and sign checks dated 6/2/16
- b. Ratify A/P Manifest and sign checks dated 6/8/16
- c. Ratify Payroll and sign checks for period ending 5/29/16
- d. Ratify Payroll and sign checks for period ending 6/5/16
- e. Ratify Monthly On Call Payroll for Month ending 5/31/16
- f. Ratify Monthly Elected Officials Payroll for Month ending 5/31/2016

Mrs. Bean signed the Superintendant's and Fire Chief's time sheets for week ending 5/29/2016  
**Mr. Digregorio made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 5/26/2016 as corrected, Mr. Bamsey seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0-0.**

Mr. Hounsell had to cancel.

The Board signed release of funds from the Fire Rescue Equip. Trust Fund in the amount of \$45,000.

Discussion ensued around Fire and Rescue coverage for the High School and surrounding area. Mr. Bamsey initiated this because he saw on the televised North Conway Water Precinct meeting that their Commissioners voted to approach the town about taking over coverage on the High School. Chief Solomon called Chief Priest and asked what was going on. He said yes, they did vote to approach the town. This is in regards to the non-precinct C9 area. Mr. Bamsey added that David Bernier's point was that it was their hydrants and water lines going into the High School and that area and that it made sense for them that they would provide the fire and rescue. Chief Priest commented according to Mr. Bamsey that this area will be generating more revenue in the future due the aquatic center going in. Mr. Bamsey wanted to make the Board aware of North Conway's position. Chief Solomon commented he has a lot of time invested in relationship building and safety stuff up there and we do all the sports coverage. Not to mention the potential for future revenue. Discussion ensued. It was decided that Ms. Bean will e-mail the town to inform them that we are aware that North Conway Commissioner's voted to address the C9 area about fire and rescue with the selectman and we expect that we will be included in any future discussions.

Mr. Bamsey said we received an email regarding replacement of services on the South side of West Main St. stating if you're going replace the water lines they need to be done now. Mr.

Quint responded it is scheduled for next week. The funds will come out of the Capital Improvement fund on the water side. Discussion ensued

### BOC INFORMATION

Folder was reviewed

### FIRE CHIEF'S BUSINESS

Chief Solomon gave an update on the Fish and game meeting. It went as expected, they were sympathetic towards us and they have no means of doing anything about it. (Coming up with money for services.) The Forrest Service has a letter from the U.S. Attorney General's office stating they can't pay money to state or local government for these functions. Jim the local Ranger said it doesn't quite line with what the law says however he has no money in his budget. Fish and Game said they spend \$450,000 a year on search and rescue and they only bring in 300,000 and last year they did 288 search and rescue missions.

Mr. DiGregorio asked if we did not provide coverage how they would do it. Chief responded they know we are not obligated to provide the services and most of the fire departments do not provide carry outs. They know there is a gap here and there is no other agency nearby to do it. There would be a substantial delay in accessing the patient and getting them out but they would eventually get them out.

Mr. Digregorio wanted to know what Albany's position was if we did not cover the National Forrest. Chief Solomon responded he asked for this to be brought up at one of their Selectman meetings when minutes are being taken and things like that and get back to the board with an actual opinion on what they think about it, because we don't bill by the call like we use to its less of an issue for them. They would really like to support us. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Bean questioned if we didn't do it would a volunteer group of people start doing it. Chief Solomon said that was suggested by one of the Albany Selectman but who would you get to do it and who will you get to be on that service. Mr. Bamsey said depending on how we look at this if we decide to reduce or even eliminate the carry out service in a timely manner we need to make people aware of it prior to it being terminated to give other people some ideas to come up with something. Chief Solomon is concerned if we decided not to do it that we would take a black eye for it because the Conway Daily Sun has a tendency to sensationalize the stories in a very egregious way. Discussion ensued. Mr. Digregorio stated the bottom line is we can't afford to go to other towns rescuing people for little to no money. The people of this village have been footing the bill for years and years.

Chief Solomon gave a budget update, two areas of concern overtime and vehicle maintenance. Holidays generate a lot of the overtime the second half of the year. We should only be at 30% of the budget to be on track. (See attached) Mr. Bamsey asked what is driving the overtime. Chief Solomon responded lack of call fire fighters and lack of EMS staff, which means he has to hire back full time people. Mr. Digregorio said also not being able to use call staff on a full time basis. There are also limitations on retirement system and Obama care. For the most part budget is good.

Chief Solomon spoke with Ray Levitt in regards to the “Super Precinct”; he said yes his commissioners would like to talk to us however Chief thinks that they don’t meet again till the end of July. Chief Solomon said he also mentioned this to the Albany Board of Selectman and they would like to discuss it as well. Discussion ensued.

SUPERINTENDANT’S BUSINESS

Ms. Bean reviewed the Cross Connection policy, section 4 pages 13-15 would be replaced in our current policy. Discussion ensued.

**Mr. DiGregorio made a motion to adopt the connection control program policy, Motion seconded by Mr. Bamsey; motion passed 3-0-0.**

Superintendent Quint gave a project update. Project is a little bit behind but nothing serious. Ms. Bean reported that per David Mercier it would be the end to June when we make a North Road decision.

Ms. Bean asked how we will bill people on West Main St. for their water. Discussion ensued around different scenarios. Mr. Bamsey suggested looking back a year and averaging the bill. Ms. Bean suggested the demand fees and half on the usage. Mr. Digregorio wants to see the financial impact first before the Board makes a decision and that will include Ms. Snow doing some research. The money has been factored into the budget and we still have operating cost so we need to know the financial impact of not having that revenue.

Ms. Bean talked to Anne Getchell at USDA about the ribbon cutting ceremony; she didn’t think they would be involved because they did the one in April 2014. She will get back to Ms. Bean.

Paul D had a meeting with Joe Kenney about the roundabout. They agreed the traffic study for the roundabout should be done sooner rather than later and it fall in the scope of their part of the Main St Project. It stalled because of the cost \$50,000 for the study. Fair Point was discussed, what is in the ground is worse than what was first thought. A representative from the state happens to come in who is the contact person for FairPoint. Paul D brought her up to date about all the trouble they are having with FairPoint and she will bring it up at their quarterly meeting.

Meeting adjourned without objection 6:00 P.M.  
Respectfully submitted Stacy Bolduc Receptionist

FUTURE DATES

Commissioners meeting June 23, 2016 6:30 A.M.