**CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**September 4, 2014**

**Comm. Bean called the meeting to order at 9:01: a.m.**

**Commissioners Present at Start of Meeting**:

Janine Bean

Thomas Buco

Joseph Quirk

**Others Staff Members Present at the Start of the Meeting**:

Fire Chief Stephen Solomon

Superintendent Gregg Quint

Office Receptionist Paula Abraham

**Others Present:** Mark Hounsell

**Administrative Business**

* Approval of A/P Manifest and checks date September 4, 2014 – ***Moved by Comm. Buco; seconded by Comm. Quirk***; further discussion: Comm. Buco commented on the A/P’s for HealthTrust, PSNH and NHRS; ***motion passed 3-0-0***.
* Approval of Weekly Payroll Manifest and checks for period ending August 31, 2014 - ***Moved by Comm. Buco; seconded by Comm. Quirk***; ***motion passed 3-0-0***.
* Approval of Monthly Payroll Manifest and check for period ending August 31, 2014 - ***Moved by Comm. Buco; seconded by Comm. Quirk***; ***motion passed 3-0-0***.
* Time sheets for Superintendent Gregg Quint and (Fire) Chief Stephen Solomon were reviewed and signed by Comm. Bean.
* Approval of the Minutes - Minutes of the August 29, 2014 Commissioner’s meeting were reviewed prior to the meeting; ***moved by Comm. Buco to accept the minutes of August 29, 2014; seconded by Comm. Quirk; motion passed 3-0-0.***

**Correspondence Items (F.Y.I)**

* Commissioner’s Mail folder was reviewed (none)

*Comm. Bean took the following out of order:*

**Public Comment**

* Mark Hounsell attended the meeting today out of concern regarding the Conway Village Improvement Committee. Comm. Bean inquired if anyone from the Board had seen the Face Book page that Tad Furtado posted and stated to Mr. Hounsell that she is assuming that is why he was here. Mr. Hounsell acknowledged yes. Mr. Hounsell advised the Board that it was brought to his attention that there was a Face Book page about this committee and wanted to know if this committee was part of this commission. Comm. Bean advised when Mr. Furtado offered to put up a Face Book page that it seemed like a good idea but was disappointed when she viewed the page yesterday and said wait a minute, this is not what we intended this committee to do and went on to explain the history of the evolution of this committee. Chief Solomon accessed the Face Book page and read its content to the Board. There is a statement on this page that is not what we stand for. Mr. Hounsell’s main concern/complaint is the connection that this has to the CVFD and that this commission is behind it (Face Book page). Mr. Hounsell continued on stating that he has problem with how it’s being presented which is specific to an agenda that is not embraced by the people and seems like an enticement to turn CVFD into a North Conway destination spot and added that this is not right and not how we do it. Comm. Bean responded that this is not what the Board designated this committee to do. Chief Solomon commented that it all started with the Eco Flex and we were told repeatedly by this committee that there was money available but does not believe that we will see a dime. Comm. Buco stated that they asked at last week’s meeting if there was money available to do sidewalks to put in pavers for esthetics. Comm. Bean advised that we told Mr. Furtado that he could go out and find money that had no strings attached to it and that he probably had six months to find it as Main Street was a go with the State and under no circumstances would anything that he would find would hold that up and reiterated that if there was anything available that it would have no strings attached and that is all we did last week. Comm. Buco added that is all that should have been on the Face Book page. Chief Solomon accessed the Face Book page and read its content to the Board. The comment “bull shit” was uttered by most. Comm. Bean stated that the issue is that something went out to the public that was not something that came from this Board. We need to disband this committee; it has way overstepped its bounds. Mr. Hounsell suggested the Board draft a response due to the focus of the District; this committee is no longer under the direction of the CVFD and added that it is offensive. Comm. Bean agreed that we have been offended by this; it is not how we feel.

***Moved by Comm. Buco to contact Mr. Furtado to remove the Face Book page and is to be discussed at the next meeting on Friday, September 12 at 12:30 p.m. to disband this committee; seconded by Comm. Bean;*** further discussion: Comm. Quirk stated that he would prefer that Mr. Furtado is asked and not told to remove the Face Book page and to ask him not to post anything without prior approval; ***motion passed 2-1-0.*** *(Comm. Quirk voting no)*

Comm. Bean will contact Mr. Furtado after this meeting to have the Face Book page removed.

**Emergency Services**

* Town of Albany Ambulance Contract - (please see attached) Chief Solomon asked the Board for direction on how to proceed with the ambulance contract for Albany and provided an overview of an illustrated budget to the Board and concluded that the Conway Village taxpayers will be paying more than non-precinct and Conway and added that it is just not fair. Comm. Quirk suggested to maybe taking a look at the whole area by value to equalize it. Comm. Bean inquired if the years could change somehow so that they are all the same year. Chief Solomon advised that Albany is a 3 year contract and Conway is 5 years. The Board reviewed the illustrated contract provided and discussion continued. The goal is to have non-precinct pay their fair share. Comm. Bean asked how you fix it. Chief Solomon advised that realistically you have to ask Albany to pay more. Chief Solomon advised that he spoke with Pat from North Conway and reviewed a formula that may work. Comm. Bean asked why can’t you use the new formula that he discussed with Pat to see what that figure would be. Chief Solomon will come back next week with the numbers from the new formula that may be more equitable.
* The notification of the Homeland security grant was received for the building security upgrades and suggests using target hardening for this year’s grant program. It is 100% funded and it has to be submitted within a month.

**Superintendent**

* Sup. Quint advised that Washington Street is coming along fine. The paving is planned for today. The interconnect digging will begin Monday night at 8:00 p.m. at Route 16 and Mountain Valley Boulevard in the middle of the road. The contractor said that they will go until it’s finished. He advised the contractor that they will be dealing with a whole different breed of people up there. Comm. Bean added that what they have in Massachusetts is a lot worse.
* Emery Lane – the water line in being installed and will be finished shortly. It is one (water) service line to his barn.

**New Business**

* Comm. Bean advised that she sent Paul D. an email regarding the amounts of money that we have come up with regarding our sidewalks and water based on our conversation we had last week and also sent him a copy of the letter (please see attached) from DOT that talked about the payment treatment for Route 16.
* Chief Solomon mentioned that there are some planning meetings going on that pertain to the 250th Celebration next year which will impact the budget minimally with respect to the parking situation. Further discussion ensued regarding the use of the train system.
* Comm. Bean talked about the meeting that she, Sup. Quint, and Mark Hounsell attended with the Commissioner for DOT which was not to talk about Main Street. It was about the Regional Planning Committee/North Country Council and how that works and why we have no representation because we are not part of the North Country Council. They talked about having their Mount Washington Valley Regional Planning Committee that represents 13 towns in this area become a regional advisement council and to have Paul D. be the resource person to provide all the information to the State. If that is what they are leaning towards, representation from municipalities is needed from those 13 towns to be on that Board because without that it will be realtors and business people where they are not getting the true representation that the North Country Council would have to make sure that the private citizens would receive and suggested that a letter is sent to somebody saying that we need representation (see draft letter) which Comm. Bean read aloud to the Board. Further discussion followed. Comm. Bean will re-work the necessary letter to the Selectmen of the Town of Conway and will be discussed at the next meeting and added that she is not comfortable being represented by a committee that does not recognize the CVFD to DOT.
* Town of Albany Forest Committee - Sup. Quint advised that he was contacted to discuss the test wells for a community garden and will be meeting with them on Friday at 6:30 p.m. Sup. Quint has contacted David Mercier at Underwood Engineers and was advised that the wells are not big enough to use and suggested keeping them locked and capped as we have the authority to say that and added that they do go directly into the aquifer. Chief Solomon asked if we were done with them and would it be worth to have them sealed. Comm. Bean suggested that this is something that we will want to look into.

**Old & Pending Issues**

Policy Manual – Comm. Bean provided her proposed changes for review to be discussed at the next meeting.

**Future Dates**

* The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be Friday, September 12, 2014 at 12:30 p.m.

***Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Abraham

Office Receptionist