

**CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
Wednesday March 27, 2019  
Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 4:44 p.m.

Commissioners present: Steve Bamsey, Michael Digregorio

Others present: Assistant Superintendent Steve Anderson Chief Solomon, Amy Snow- Municipal Bookkeeper

Absent: Tom Buco, Gregg Quint- Superintendent

Public: Ray Leavitt, Paul Macmillan

RAY LEAVITT

Ray Leavitt came before the board to address a letter of concern he sent to Commissioners regarding the decision not to do paramedic intercepts for North Conway (CarePlus Ambulance). He voiced his concerns and asked Commissioners to reconsider their position on not providing paramedic intercepts due to non-payment. Discussion ensued. Mr. Bamsey explained CVFD had an issue with CarePlus not paying CVFD for paramedic intercepts and if CVFD had been called initially for the call in Madison, then Conway ambulance would have responded. Mr. Bamsey stated that he is willing to renegotiate with CarePlus.

Other concerns discussed were taking resources outside the District for areas CVFD are not required to cover and CVFD residents bearing the cost for those calls. Mr. Digregorio explained all the steps taken to try and resolve the problem with CarePlus. Madison Selectmen and Ossipee Valley Selectmen were notified of the problem of nonpayment and CarePlus was put on notice to offer a higher level of coverage other than basic and if they didn't then they would be charged the cost of a paramedic intercept, so CVFD tax payers are not bearing the cost or the option was given that CVFD would handle the transport. CarePlus did not agree to the proposal. Therefore, the decision was made not to provide paramedic intercepts to CarePlus.

Chief Solomon explained CVFD agreements with other departments and the challenge of covering calls in the district when on calls outside of the district. Mr. Macmillan voiced his concerns and suggested seeking legal counsel for services that have been provided and not paid for. He also voiced his concern about the liability for the District not responding to a call when toned out. Chief Solomon responded there is no legal obligation to provide mutual aid though we have a mutual aid agreement that states CVFD will provide mutual aid if they are available. Paramedic intercepts are not considered mutual aid because it is not a reciprocal agreement that you have with somebody and we are not legally obligated to respond to other town's paramedic calls. Chief also reiterated he has repeatedly tried to reach out to Eric Damon to try and get the issue with CarePlus resolved and he has not responded to any of his letters or calls.

Discussion ensued around the need for town- wide fire and the challenges in making that happen and a review of the balance billing bill and the negative effect it could have on CVFD ambulance if it passed.

Mr. Leavitt requested commissioners to reconsider if the call comes in as a status one call to do the paramedic intercept if called. Commissioners will discuss the request.

*Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes.*

SUPERINTENDANT'S BUSINESS

Mr. Quint reported the permanent fix had been done on the chimney. The trucks are getting routine maintenance done. There are a few projects scheduled for the summer. A couple of hydrants need to be fixed, and Almost There will be hooking into the sewer in May, and a couple of manholes need to be restructured.

FIRE CHIEFS BUSINESS

Chief Solomon reported he will be in Concord all day tomorrow for training. Stan Szetella will be at the fire station accessing what kind of brick shelf he wants to put on. The cab on the new fire truck has been painted.

BOOKKEEPERS BUSINESS

A motion is needed to approve the North Conway Farmers Market in the park this summer.

**Mr. Bamsey made a motion to approve the Request of Facilities application for the North Conway Farmers Market to use the Park May 22, 2019- September 28, 2019 seconded by Mr. Digregorio; Motion passed 2-0-0.**

Mrs. Snow will call RWN to let them know the park will be in use Wednesday's and Saturday's so they will not do any maintenance on those days. Chief Solomon will take care of the sprinkler system.

**Mr. Bamsey made a motion for the authorization of the Superintendents pay rate increase, motion seconded by Mr. Digregorio; Motion passed 2-0-0.**

**Mr. Digregorio made a motion per the annual meeting to request a deposit for \$124,667.00 into the trust funds outlined in the request to the town, motion seconded by Mr. Bamsey; Motion passed 2-0-0.**

Mrs. Snow spoke with David Mercier, and he will have what we asked him for regarding North Conway by the end of this week. The timeline for the bids for the Main Street Project was briefly discussed.

Reads will be done on Friday, and the arrears were discussed (See attached).

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- a. Ratify and Sign checks for Weekly Payroll Manifest for week the ending 3/24/19
- b. Ratify and sign checks for A/P manifest dated 3/27/19
- c. Approval and signing of Supervisors' timesheets for the week ending 3/17/19
- d. Approval and signing of Supervisors' timesheets for the week ending 3/24/19
- e. Approval of Meeting Minutes dated 3/20/19
- f. Amendment to Motion.

DOT meeting will be next Thursday at the Fire Station for the Easter Project/Main Street project.

**Mr. Digregorio made a motion to approve items A and B, motion seconded by; Mr. Bamsey**  
**Discussion:** None  
**Motion passed 2-0-0.**

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**Mr. Digregorio made a motion to approve and sign the Superintendent's and Fire Chiefs time sheets for week ending 3/17/19 and 3/24/19, seconded by Bamsey; Motion passed 2-0-0.**

**Mr. Digregorio made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 3/20/19, seconded by Mr. Bamsey; Motion passed 2-0-0.**

The next meeting will be 4/4/19 at 4:45 p.m.

**Mr. Digregorio made a motion to go into nonpublic under RSA 91-A: 3(a), seconded by Mr. Bamsey; Motion passed by roll call vote Mr. Digregorio – yes and Mr. Bamsey-yes.**

**Entered nonpublic at 5:49 p.m.**

**Public resumed at 6:07 p.m.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Digregorio to approve Chief Solomon pay increase of 2.8%, seconded by Mr. Bamsey; Motion passed 2-0-0.**

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned without objection at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stacy Bolduc Receptionist