

**CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
Thursday September 12, 2019
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

Commissioners present: Steve Bamsey, Michael Digregorio, Tom Buco

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

Absent:

Public:

SUPERINTENDANT'S BUSINESS

Mr. Anderson reported he has not heard from Jason regarding the draft of the original IMA (Inter-Municipal Agreement) in word format.

Mr. Anderson also reported he has three estimates out for the manhole repair on Chase/Wilder St. He will be meeting with one of them next Wednesday. He has also done a second round of interviews and has checked references and will be making an offer for the open position tomorrow.

The guys have been keeping busy with hydrant work and doing GPS for shut-offs. There was a brief discussion on moving Bruno and Mr. Anderson to the upstairs offices.

Mr. Bamsey asked Mr. Anderson to follow-up with Jason tomorrow regarding the IMA draft.

FIRE CHIEFS BUSINESS

Chief Solomon handed out the Request of Proposal for Hale's Location for Basic Life Support ambulance service for its property owners (See attached). The proposal is for ambulance only. North Conway will still cover fire and rescue. There are 117 residential parcels and 18 unoccupied parcels. Mr. Bamsey questioned the distance down West Side Rd. Chief responded it is only six miles from the station and CVFD is covering more than half the calls anyway because Care Plus can't manage it. Mr. Digregorio questioned they only want basic. Chief Solomon said he would respond that CVFD staffs at a minimum an EMT level with a preference for a paramedic and it's possible a backup truck could be a basic staffed truck. Currently, they are paying Care Plus \$38,000 a year. Discussion ensued around Hales Location tax base and numbers and the benefits of Hales Location using CVFD for ambulance service. Chief Solomon supports a three-year contract with a fixed price. Mr. Digregorio wants the proposal clarified if the Hotel is included. Chief stated they have been to the Hotel this past year and believes the proposal is for the borders of Hales Location and everything within them. A brief discussion ensued.

Chief reported at the end of Fire Prevention the week of October 13th there will be chili cook-off in the park, Chief filled out the Special Event Permit for the town. Mr. Digregorio would like Chief to reach out to John Eastman regarding the ordinance for events in the park and having to fill out a special events permit. There will be an entrance fee for entering the cook-off and a request for donations for anyone who wants to eat chili. The entrance fee will be \$25.00 for anyone who wants to enter as a contestant; proceeds will go to the Fire Fighter Association.

Chief Solomon reported next that he and John Eastman were discussing hosting a Brew Fest in Pequawket Park and would like commissioner's feedback on it. If commissioners supported the idea, then the Friends of the Rec. and the Fire Fighters Association would put together a committee to look at having one next fall. Mr. Digregorio supports the idea. Chief Solomon shared the vision with commissioners regarding having vendors in

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the park and parking. Mr. Buco expressed his concern for liability any time alcohol is involved. Mr. Bamsey supports the concept and shares Mr. Buco's concern. Chief Solomon understands the concerns but doesn't feel people attend these events to overindulge but rather test different brews. It would be a family-friendly event that could include games and possibly entertainment (music). It was discussed if the Brew Fest were popular; it would take place the same time every year. John did not feel parking would be an issue. Chief Solomon said there are no rules against alcohol in the park. Mr. Digregorio wants to see the ordinance for holding events in the park and what triggers an Event Application. Discussion ensued.

Chief Solomon said he had a conversation with Ed Butler regarding the Balance Billing Bill. Ed said if the committee wants to have another hearing on the bill, he will call Chief Solomon.

John Powers started paramedic school Tuesday. The course runs for ten months.

BOOKKEEPERS BUSINESS

Mrs. Snow emailed Beth Malcom to see how the meeting went with the finance committee regarding the SAG money. Beth stated that everything was approved and that we should be receiving a check soon.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- a. Ratify Payroll Manifest and sign checks for week ending 9/8/19
- b. Ratify A/P Manifest and sign checks dated 9/11/19
- c. Approval and signing of Supervisors' timesheets for week ending 9/8/19
- d. Approval of Meeting Minutes dated 9/5/19

Mr. Digregorio made a motion to approve items A and B, motion seconded by; Mr. Buco.

Discussion:

- Mr. Buco questioned the Comstar and Quick Med Bill. Quick Med recovered \$15,785.48 dated 8/31/19 for the month.
- Witmer Public Safety Group \$1,007.33 is for ladder belt with tool loops for the new truck.
- Maltz for \$2,188.56 chemicals and a new tank to replace the old tank that is around 30 years old.

Motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Digregorio made a motion to approve and sign the Superintendent's and Fire Chiefs timesheets for the week ending 9/8/19, seconded by Mr. Buco; Discussion: Motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Digregorio made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 9/5/19, seconded by Mr. Buco; Motion passed 3-0-0.

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

Entered into nonpublic at 5:32 p.m.

Public session reconvened at 5:50 p.m.

Mr. Bamsey asked for a motion to elect Steve Anderson to the position of Superintendent.

Mr. Buco made a motion to elect Steve Anderson to the position of Superintendent effective September 1, 2019, motion seconded by Mr. Digregorio; Discussion: Mr. Bamsey asked Mr. Anderson if he accepts the position. Mr. Anderson accepted the position. Motion passed 3-0-0.

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Mr. Digregorio reopened the question that was discussed very briefly last week about proposing free water and sewer to employees that work in the District. Mrs. Snow called the Department of Labor and was informed they could not tell CVFD what to offer for benefits, but any offer has to be written out. The cons of the proposal would be that it would be considered a fringe benefit and the employee would have to pay taxes on it and it could be considered discrimination because not every employee lives in the district so; they would not be able to take advantage of it. A brief discussion ensued.

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned without objection at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc Receptionist