



Biddeford Fire Department

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Present: Chairman Roger Cantara, Rick Laverriere, Kenneth Pendleton, William Denyer, Charles Drapeau, Chief Gagne, Assistant Chief LaBrecque, Deputy Chief Duross and Office Manager Kathy Boyden.

1. Called to Order at 11:10 am on August 11th, 2020 over ZOOM.
2. Roll Call
3. Fire Alarm – Placed on File
4. Minutes of January 14, 2020 meeting – Motion to accept minutes by Mr. Laverriere, seconded by Mr. Drapeau. Vote: Unanimous

Chief's Informational – The Chief stated that they are in negotiations with the Union, who's contract is 2.5 years past due and that it is going well.

He stated that the budget has passed and he felt it was very fair especially in these economic times. As for CIP, he has put in for a new ambulance, power stretcher, cardiac monitor and stair chair for approval.

BFD has put in for 3 grants, a Covid Grant, a Safer Grant and an AFT Equipment Grant.

The Chief spoke about fire and how calls have been increasing after the significant drop during Covid.

Mike Gobeil has been promoted to Division Chief since Chief McDonald retired in January. We now have 4 new Call Force members that were students and have since graduated and moved up.

The most recent full timer that was hired is Brad Chicoine and will be starting on Monday, August 17th.

Recently there was an Officers Meeting that was held and he felt it went very well and was proactive.

Mr. Laverriere asked about the chassis that we are looking at for the new ambulance

Mr. Drapeau asked about recent fires.

Mr. Laverriere asked if there were still issues with Truck 32 and about a replacement program for new trucks.

Mr. Denyer stated that rates are low right now and it would be a good time to move forward with a new building.

There were many discussion over these topics.

Assistant Chief LaBrecque discussed many new things happening within the City. Mr. Laverriere asked about condemned buildings.

Mr. Drapeau asked about the Barra Rd. Complex and how the Lincoln Mill were coming along.

Chief LaBrecque spoke about recent structure fires and how he was trying to build up the Fire/Police to help out with emergency situations instead of tying up firefighters or police officers.

Deputy Chief Duross talked about Covid and the guidance and compliance that is needed and being kept up with during many changing times. He stated that everyone is working hard at keeping safe and that supplies are coming in better now so that we have an ample amount on hand.

5. Old Business – None
6. New Business – None
7. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Laverriere and seconded by Mr. Drapeau at 12:10 am. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted by:
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