



Biddeford Fire Department

Emergency Services

152 Alfred Street Biddeford, Maine 04005

Tel: 207 282-6632

Fax: 207-283-8243

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

1. Called to Order at 10:06 am on May 18, 2021 at 10:00 am.
2. Roll Call
3. Fire Alarm – Placed on File
4. Minutes of November 10, 2020 meeting – Motion to accept minutes by Mr. Laverriere, seconded by Mr. Drapeau. Vote: Unanimous

Chief's Informational – There is a meeting tonight regarding the budget. The Chief spoke of his requests for CIP are a new engine and battery operated tools for extrication since the current ones are 28 years old.

He has requested 6 new positions for staffing.

We are currently working on grants for SCBA's.

There are currently 6 full time positions open.

It was asked if the union contract had been settled yet, the Chief stated it was not.

The Chief announced that Assistant Chief Paul LaBrecque will officially be retiring on July 15, 2021. He then went on to explain how the promotional/hiring process for this position will be conducted.

We are expected to receive our new ambulance by the end of the summer.

New engine specs are currently being worked on by Carl Marcotte and Asst. Chief LaBrecque.

The new radios have been approved and they are starting to be installed and should be ready by the fall. All radios and infrastructure will be replaced.

Assistant Chief LaBrecque discussed things that he is working on within the City.

He stated that the Lincoln Mill is hoping to have their certificate of occupancy for the residential side by July.

He said that 28 Pearl St. is also hoping to have their certificate of occupancy by July as well.

Deputy Chief Duross spoke about training and that the chiefs have allowed more flexibility. He stated that the Safety Committee meets on a monthly basis. He has set up a new truck check program. Deputy Chief Duross explained how he is

currently holding a Fire Officer I & II program here at the station. It is over ½ way done and there are participants from Biddeford and Saco that are attending. He also spoke about Covid and the restrictions being lifted from the CDC versus Maine EMS.

5. Old Business – None
6. New Business – None
7. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Laverriere and seconded by Mr. Drapeau at 11:22 am. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted by:
Kathy S. Boyden