

St Lawrence County Fire Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2020

I. Call to order

Chairman Joe Finnegan called meeting to order at 1905 hours.

II. Roll Call

Members Present (10); Joe Finnegan, Tom Conklin, Erik Johnson, Larry Denesha, Mark Bomyea, John Lashomb, Rick Rusaw, Don MCarthy, Scott McRobbie, Steve Parker

Excused (5); Pat O'brien, Bob Kerr, Tom Popham, Chris Sherwin, Kevin Crosby, Bob Crow, Larry Whitton

Guests; Matt Denner, Jeff Hammond, Vinny Ferry, Dave Weitz, Dave Taylor, Gary Lutz, Bob Pierce, Nichole Harris

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting (June 18th, 2020)

Scott McRobbie made Motion, Mark Bomyea second

All in favor, no oppose

IV. Reports

- a. Board of Legislator's Larry Denesha; County budget started, tentative budget October meeting, hoping for no tax increase, talked about resolution passed in August to oppose the 2 bills to mandate police to have their own liability insurance.
- b. Emergency Services Matt Denner; Updated board on calls to date see attached, Covid-19 update, discussion on burn ban our office will use the NYS DEC map, Congratulation to Dave Weitz Car 12 District 7 Deputy Coordinator, Congratulations to Rick Coller for 10 years of service, Tower update, Fire Investigation team update Dave and Tom couple fires everything going well, Welcome Dave Taylor as car 27 dive coordinator, Hazmat team update,
- c. OFPC Nicole Harris; Training classes have started, limited classes giving due to COVID-19 Nicole told board she is retiring in September moving to Florida.
- d. Training Center Dave Weitz and Joe Finnegan; roof safety railings up, live burns last night.

V. Old Business

- a. Joe asked about procedure to put burn ban in affect
- b. Scott McRobbie asked about White Hill tower if it was up, and asked about simulcast what the time frame was.
- c. Joe Finnegan asked what Town Supervisors needed to do to declare burn ban in there town.

VI. New Business

- a. Joe Finnegan stated Father Chris called him and they discussed Chaplin being Deputy Coordinator. Matt Denner Talked about what a great resource they are to all first responders.

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- b. Matt talked about drill in September at Ogdensburg airport and problem they are having with COVID-19 pandemic

VII. Adjournment

Next Meeting will be October 15th, 2020, Joe thanked everyone for attending meeting called at 1957 hours