

## 8/17/2023 Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Joe Finnegan, Matt Denner, Larry Denesha, Bob Kerr, Mark Bradish, Larry Whitton, Vinney Ferry, John Lashomb, Rick Rusaw, Bob Crowe, Eric Johnson, Chris Velez, Jon Mitchell, Mark Bomyea, Jeff Hammond, Scott Mc Robbie

Members Excused: Chris Sherwin, Ken Stull, Kevin Crosby, Steve Wilson, Tom Conklin.

1800 hrs: Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Finnegan. Secretary's report offered for discussion. Nothing further of the report M/M Scott Mc Robbie to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Lashomb. Carried.

### Floor turned over to Matt Denner for report.

Director Denner introduced group from Motorola to give an overview of the proposed new radio system. Discussion on Canadian interference, TDMA versus FDMA was explained. Following the discussion the FAB was asked to offer their support of FDMA or TDMA. M/M by Bob Crowe for TDMA, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Johnson. Motion was carried for TDMA.

Fire, EMS, Police calls report sent out.

New tower sites Potsdam, Cranberry Lake, Star Lake, NYPA. Materials on order

Power Authority approval for towers that have been requested since 2019

Massena 911 went down due to a failure of the UPS back up. Repairs made.

Discussion on Command Vehicle graphics. \$1,000 grant from Motorola for graphics. Vehicle is ready to go. So don't be afraid to use it.

Over dose spike in the county.

NFIRS report 100%

Hyper reach Alerting was discussed.

Brief on Coast Guard Drill on the St Lawrence River 15 August. More maritime fire training needed.

Looking at training for new chiefs. EMS also. Fire investigation cheat sheets coming out

They will serve as a reminder for chiefs conducting investigations.

Group was advised that the county approved 250k for an air boat. Discussion followed on the matter of does the county need an air boat, or could the money best be used elsewhere. After more discussion M/M Eric Johnson to use the money on the purchase of radios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Lashomb, carried. Letter to be drafted in support of the radios not the air boat.

Louisville Mass Casualty dinner being planned (Rt 37 crash)

Solar Eclipse concerns discussed. April 8, 2024

Save Certificate program in place for lives saved CPR, over dose.

Floor turned over to Larry Denesha for legislative update.

Public Safety bldg update. Larry handed out floor plan drawings. Briefed board on PSAP location various points of interest for 911 center operations. Layout of other offices in the bldg. Project is ready for bids.

Discussion of redundant power backup took place.

Ham Radio group asked for help with funding. They were referred to IDA \$2,500

No movement on property tax incentive for firefighter's

OFPC Report- New SFI's for St Law Co resulting from new state rules that a Safety Office must be on site for certain classes. Proposed to pay firefighters to take classes BEFO, IFO, F/O.

FASNY, State Chiefs, Fire Districts on board.

New Adim guide coming out for outreach training.

State Fire Academy under going remodeling

Decon Cancer classes be offered. Dept can get decon kits once attended.

New Battery fire procedures being proposed

Awareness classes to be given on line.

Training Updates Bob Crowe: See attached

Training Center Bob Kerr: Youth Day in the Fire Service scheduled for August 26. 40 Jrs signed up.

Liberty Utilites looking to conduct gas training at the center.

New propane tank from Griffith Oil being donated. Used for flare kit training.

Fire Investigation: 43 investigations so far 2023. 1 new investigators, 1 in training.

Blazetech software available

Grant for new IPADs awared

HazMat Team: Training on flare kits Sept 24.

Dry Decon Training 9/16.

Dive Team: Water Operations training coming on May 24. State Police also conducting Water Operations training. County wide dive training scheduled

Technical Rescue: RTB class started 8/14.

Team Meeting 8/30/23 at the training center 7 pm

Old Business: Gouverneur fire dept training at proposed Stewarts location no longer an issue.  
Bldgs torn down.

New Business: No New Business

Next meeting: October 19, 2023

2045 hrs no other business.

M/M to Adjourn Scott Mc Robbie, 2nd by Mark Bradish. Carried

Minutes prepared by Bob Kerr