

6/15/2023 Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Joe Finnegan, Matt Denner, Larry Denesha, Bob Kerr, Mark Bradish, Dave Taylor, Larry Whitton, Vinney Ferry, John Lashomb, Ken Stull, Rick Rusaw, Bob Crowe, Kevin Crosby, Eric Johnson, Steve Parker

Members Excused: Art Howie, Mark Bomyea, Tom Conklin

1900 hrs: Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Finnegan. Secretary's report offered for discussion. Nothing further of the report M/M Bob Crowe to accept, 2nd Mark Bradish, Carried.

Floor turn over to Larry Denesha for legislative update.

Larry stated an intermunicipal agreement for towers was signed.

A State of Emergency was executed for Title 40 for immigrants.

No movement on property tax incentive for firefighter's

Floor turned over to Matt Denner for report.

Fire, EMS, Police calls report.

New dispatch consoles are on order. FCC licenses discussed.

New tower sites Potsdam, Cranberry Lake, Star Lake, NYPA.

Newton Falls Fire paperwork will be completed in a month.

NFIRS report, 1 dept Piercefield did not report.

NYPA Drill June 7 & 8 will report on issues on a follow up. Over all things went well.

Active Shooter?

Communications project- Power point presentation on FDMA and TDMA coverage areas. The difference in radio coverage for mobile and portable radios. Matt recommended TDMA for the county.

Massena dispatch had lost service due to a fiber optic problem. Chairman Finnegan asked about having a backup for Massena. Matt indicated Massena is the back up and was not designed for a backup.

New Command vehicle will be housed at Parishville Fire Station.

OFPC Report- 16 new FPS being hired. 12 will be in the field, 4 in Albany. Proposed to pay firefighters to take classes BEFO, IFO, F/O. Fire Instructor 1 & 2 to become outreach classes. Awareness classes to be given on line.

Training Updates Bob Crowe: New Classes are scheduled. See announcements on line. A New Hwy Safety class is coming, will include actual setups in the field.

Training Center Bob Kerr: Buildings were painted. Need some work on fence. Overall things looked good. Youth Day in the Fire Service scheduled for August 26.

Fire Investigation: 28 investigations so far 2023. 2 new investigators coming on line. New software being looked at for doing reports.

HazMat Team: Training on flare kits Clinton Co. 20k was budgeted for. 51 members, 15 haz mat techs

Dive Team: Water Operations training coming on May 24. State Police also conducting Water Operations training. Dave Taylor mentioned the possibility of having a 2nd Dive Master in the county. Air boat funding?

Old Business: Matt said work is ongoing trying to get a confined space/rescue Tech team organized. Bob Crowe reported on Cancer Awareness Course (FireHero.org) Bob also reported on resources out there for dealing with a LODD.

Larry Denesha gave an update on dispatch move. Expect bids July 2023 with work to start mid 2024.

Matt reported the county attorney received a JAVA Foil Request. Question on FAB records storage was discussed. Discussion on the possible change from Active 911 to I am Responding was held. Letters from Chiefs is needed to determine what system majority wants.

New Business: Bob Crowe brought up a problem with training in Gouverneur that occurred when Stewarts stores refused to allow training on building being demolished because there was no proof of workman's comp. Item should be referred to the county attorney.

Next meeting: August 17, 2023

2025 hrs no other business.

M/M to Adjourn Mark Bradish, 2nd Larry Whitton carried

Minutes prepared by Kevin Crosby/Bob Kerr

