

**New Hartford Village Fire District  
Monthly Meeting  
June 8, 2015**

B. Rieger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** B. Rieger, J.Halnon, D. Casella, G. Brookes, K. Parsell, Chief Worsman, E. Parsell and K. Carvalho. **B.Rieger made a motion at 7:01 p.m. to change the order of business to Miscellaneous Business. Seconded by G.Brookes. Motion passed.**

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- B. Rieger received the town of New Hartford's Grand list last Thursday, June 4, 2015. The town's total net value dropped by approximately 77 million, which drops the Fire District's budget, a projected deficit of \$84,397. **B.Rieger makes motion to reduce capital expenses by \$7,000, increase the mil rate to 1.1mil and take any projected shortfall out of the Treasury Savings (approximately \$21,000). Seconded by G.Brookes. All in favor. Motion passed. G.Brookes made a motion at 7:20 to return to the order of business. Seconded by K.Parsell. Motion passed.**

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** G.Brookes made a motion to accept the amended April 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by D.Casella.Motion passed. G.Brookes notes to add "Engine 7's same components were inspected for the same issues as Engine 5," to the May 2015 Minutes under Chief's Report: Vehicle Maintenance. **K.Parsell made a motion to accept the May 2015 meeting minutes. Seconded by D. Casella. Motion passed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**K. Parsell made a motion to accept Treasurer's Report. Seconded by D. Casella. Motion passed.**

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Tax Collectors report: \$6,819.40 collected in May; (0) Adjustments; (0) Bounced checks; (0) Refunds (0) Lien Released; (0) Liens Put On; (96%) Current Year; (n/a) All Years. **K.Parsell motioned to accept Tax Collector's Report for May 2015. Seconded by D.Casella. Motion passed.**
- E.Parsell received a letter from PNL Nutmeg, LLC (a new company in New Hartford) asking the district to waive the interest (approximately \$170) on a lien they received from the tax collector. PNL paid the full tax amount and was unaware of the outstanding fire bill from 2013.The district committee discussed options. **K.Parsell made a motion to forgive the interest. Seconded by G.Brookes. Motion passed.**

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- Chairman Rieger received a letter from Linda Sheffield at New Hartford Town Hall regarding changes in the state legislature stating; ***No district or borough may set a motor vehicle mill rate that if combined with the motor vehicle of the municipality in which such district is located would result in a combined motor vehicle mill rate above 32 mills for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2015 or above 29.36 mills for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2016.*** The town's mill rate this year is 29.044 and the town will use up most of the mill rate cap for this year. The district will lose collections on motor vehicles and supplemental bills for the 2016-17 budget year.

**K.Parsell made a motion at 7:59 p.m. to suspend the monthly district meeting in order to start the Annual Budget meeting. Seconded by D. Casella. Motion passed.**

**D.Casella made a motion at 8:24 p.m. to restart the monthly district meeting. Seconded by G. Brookes. Motion passed.**

## CHIEF'S REPORT:

- **Calls:** 101 Calls Y-t-D, 16 calls from 5/15/-6/8/15.
- **Significant/Mutual Aid Calls:** nothing significant this month.
- **Fuel Usage** – Approximately 260 gallons this month.
- **Training** –A week long training, 1<sup>st</sup> week of June, 7 members attended, at the CT Fire Academy
- **Membership** –No new members or applications received.
- **Vehicle Maintenance** –Pump testing 6/20/15, First Due Service completing work, invoice for July
- **Preventive Maintenance**- None.
- **Nepaug/Pine Meadow** – Ongoing work and assistance when needed.
- **Daytime Driver** –B2 chainsaw was inoperable on 5/22/15 –Chief approved repair coil, completed repair & back in service on 5/27/15. Associated Security system about St.2 alarm, left message at St.1 on 5/25/15 forwarded info to Chief. Submitted personal time off 6/8, 15, 26 and July vacation time to Chief on 5/27/15. Approved on 5/28/15. Will be on vacation in Fla July 13-21, 2015, returning to work on 7/22/15. E5 passenger side mirror repaired wiring issue in compartment, soldering and wiring sealing on 5/27 & 5/29/15. E5 rear door on drivers side latch assemble issue. Dismantled interior of door for latch adjustment and repair 5/29/15. Mike Vincent looked at removal of backflow preventer on 6/1/15. (leaking). District is paying annually to have this inspected, not a required item in the system. Met with Chief for preliminary performance review on 6/2/15. Asphalt project started 6/4/15. Extrication combi tool pump returned to St.1 after servicing leaking seal on 6/4/15, back in service on 6/5/15.
- **Station 1** –Paving began, crack sealed the apron, side parking lot torn up.
- **Station 2** – Nothing new to report
- **Miscellaneous** –On 6/1/15 received new engine bids from Pierce Fire, Supthen Fire, Spartan ERV and Smeal Fire Apparatus, equipment bids from Firematic, C&S Specialty, Five Star, Shipmans and MES Fire. Bids were opened earlier tonight ranging from \$583,000 -\$623,000. Grants-submitting grant applications this week to the CT Forestry Fire Service for a 50% reimbursement match of up to \$2,500 towards fire equipment/training. **Motion by D.Casella. Seconded by K.Parsell to accept Chief's report. Motion Passed.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- The finalized draft for the deputy chief and chief job description was reviewed by the district subcommittee. **Motion by K. Parsell, seconded by G. Brookes to approve the NHFD Deputy Chief and Chief's job description. Motion Passed.**

## OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Concern from Chief regarding the wear & tear on the District's trucks due to Pine Meadow lack of response to calls. It's a budget concern for all taxpayers in our District.
- K.Parsell mentions the siren at the corner of Little Brook Rd. and East West Hill Rd. is not functioning and will need to come down and should be addressed in next year's budget.
- B.Rieger states his resignation as Chairman of the Fire District Committee, while remaining on the committee. **B.Rieger makes a motion for Gordon Brookes to take over as Chairman. G.Brookes accepts the position as chairman. Seconded by K.Parsell. All in favor. Motion passed.**

## BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Bills were paid.
- Frontier sent a letter to inform the property owners on Greenwoods Rd. and Reservoir Rd. that it plans to install new equipment next to the existing equipment, upgrading the network.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. **K. Parsell motioned; J. Halnon seconded.**  
Respectively submitted,

Karen Carvalho

Secretary/Treasurer

**Next Meeting Date:  
Thursday, July 9, 2015  
7:00 p.m. at Station 1**