

New Hartford Village Fire District
Monthly Meeting
May 15, 2015

B. Rieger called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: B. Rieger, J.Halnon, D. Casella, G. Brookes, K. Parsell, Chief Worsman, E. Parsell and K. Carvalho.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: B.Rieger notes to correct the April 2015 Minutes under Miscellaneous Business: *Section 11 paragraph B of the NHVFD By-Laws states: If Commissioner relocates primary residence outside of District One, the New Hartford Village Fire District may exercise the option to appoint a qualified District member to replace the Commissioner based on a nomination by a remaining Commissioner to be approved by a majority vote.* Correction will be added.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Verified with Frontier, the phone bills will remain the same through December 2015. **G.Brookes motioned to accept Treasurer's Report. Seconded by K.Parsell. Motion passed.**

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

- Tax Collectors report: \$1,593.75 collected in April; (0) Adjustments; (0) Bounced checks; (0) Refunds (0) Lien Released; (0) Liens Put On; (95%) Current Year; (n/a) All Years. **K.Parsell motioned to accept Tax Collector's Report for April 2015. Seconded by D.Casella. Motion passed.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- None

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- **Calls:** 85 Calls Y-t-D, 24 calls from 4/9/-5/14/15.
- **Significant/Mutual Aid Calls:** Brush fire on 4/16/15 at 11 Satan's Kingdom Rd., response from 20 departments including Hartford County (80 firefighters) .
- **Fuel Usage** – Approximately 260 gallons this month.
- **Training** –Sixteen NHFD & four Pleasant Valley members attended a two night certification training class by CT Fire Academy, "Man in Machinery" in April.
- **Membership** –No new members.
- **Vehicle Maintenance** –Brush 2 repairs completed. Another discharge gauge was replaced on Engine 7. Engine 5 rear brake not holding when it was parked. Notified district on 5/1/15. Upon inspections of E5's front suspension, First Due found an issue with the pitman arm & castle nut on the passenger's side. Shipman's was unable to assist, parts were obtained through Ferrara by May 8th, approximate costs \$1,500 for rear air cans, \$540 rear tire and the parts for the passenger front braking system, plus labor for two days, two guys. Engine 5 was out of service for 4 days. Engine 7's front brakes were inspected for the same issues as E5.
- **Preventive Maintenance-** None.
- **Nepaug/Pine Meadow** – Possible meeting next week.
- **Daytime Driver** –Had 2 viewing appointments for bell tower (no show), Chris attended seminar at NFA on 4/17-4/20, Station 2 faulty heat detector and circuit board replaced on 4/24 and 4/27 by Associated Alarm, Northeast 911 took combi unit for repair on 5/10, LCD installed more

equipment for fiber optic network on 5/13 and on 5/5 & 5/6 picked up parts in Hartford (shackle bolts and brake pads), quarterly air sampling done for cascade system and 1 SBCA out for servicing HUD system-returned.

- **Station 1** –Nothing new to report
- **Station 2** – Nothing new to report
- **Miscellaneous** –The new engine bids are due June 1st. Planning to open bids on at the June 8th Meeting to determine what to ask taxpayers for. The bids were broken up into new engine and loose equipment. **Motion by K. Parsell, second by G. Brookes 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, second by G. Brookes to approve the NHFD Deputy Chief and Chief's job description. Motion Passed.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- Rescue 6 has one more year before new vehicle replaces it. **A motion was made at 8:45 pm by K.Parsell, to go into executive session to discuss personnel salaries for the 2015-16 budget, second by J.Halnon. A motion was made at 9:22 pm by K.Parsell, to come out of executive session second by D.Casella. Motion passed.**
- 2015-2016 budget created. **Motion made by K.Parsell, seconded by G.Brookes to present the new budget at the June 8, 2015 Annual Budget meeting. Motion passed.**

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.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Received three letters expressing interest in running for the open District spots to be voted on in June from Gordon Brookes (re-election), Bob Goodskey and Richard Marcus. (As stated in the April minutes, J.Halnon's letter of intent for re-election was received in April)
- District to review Daytime driver's personal time before June meeting. A formal review will be conducted annually by the District.
- Bills were paid.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m. **K. Parsell motioned; J. Halnon seconded.**

Respectively submitted,

Karen Carvalho
Secretary/Treasurer

**Next Meeting Date:
Monday, June 8, 2015
7:00 p.m. at Station 1**

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING AT 8:00 PM STATION 1