

# TRUMBULL CENTER FIRE DISTRICT

860 WHITE PLAINS ROAD

TRUMBULL, CONN. 06611



## Meeting Minutes March 7, 2024

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Trumbull Center Fire District was called to order at 7:00pm, by Chairman Riggs.

### Members Present:

- Ed Riggs, Chairman (via Phone)
- Alex Relkin, Commissioner
- Tom Dufficy, Commissioner
- Sandra Mulligan, Tax Collector
- Marisa Petriello, Treasurer
- Rich Gregory, Chief
- Dave Tiago, Maintenance
- Kevin Mulligan, Asst Chief

### Others Present:

- Abby Relkin
- Pat McCarty

#### A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

#### B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were corrected and unanimously approved as distributed.

#### C. Budget and Tax Report

The budget and tax reports were reviewed and unanimously accepted as presented.

#### D. Open Issues and New Business

##### *Pat McCarty:*

- Ladder truck: inspection should take place this time next year.
- Change nozzle on waterway to remote control. \$60K tentative price but believes it may actually be \$80K. This would put the cost over the specified amount. Recommends a special appropriation/resolution at the annual meeting for a possible increase from \$250K to \$300K from surplus. There was an additional cost at prebuild but it was still within budget.

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## *Alex Relkin:*

- FDIC under budget. Asked chief if there are members attending. Also asked chief about his budget and he said he will have information at the budget meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Gator status? Chief said there is no change. Needs to be looked at to see what repairs it may need. Not to exceed \$1500, with service, to make it operational for the district/company's needs. If not cost effective, will consider disposing of it.
- Asked if there were any concerns regarding the upcoming Tri-District Meeting. Commissioners stated that they are not interested in a Trumbull fire authority. Nichols seems interested but Long Hill is not.
- 105: asked the chief why it isn't being used as a spare. He advised that there is a supply line concern.
- Torrington Polaris training course, 3/23 weekend. Cost: Free.

## *Ed Riggs:*

- The next budget meeting will take place on March 21, 7pm at Station 2.
- Asked the Treasurer what the estimated recurring/monthly bills are and amount of the insurance bill. These amounts should be subtracted from the current budget remaining, to see funds are still available.
- Received information regarding Polaris "train the trainer course."
- Has not gotten in touch with Jeff from VFIS regarding next year's rate. Will do so soon.

## *Tom Dufficy:*

- LOSAP: asked what the current status is and if the fire company will be requesting a check.
- Stokes basket: Waiting on refund for incorrect item.
- Lube room Station 1 and machine room at Station 2: there is a lot of extra equipment. Asked if there are items that can be sold or disposed of. DTiago says there will be a dumpster and a "spring cleaning."

## *Dave Tiago:*

- Emily is requesting to take the advanced Excel class. She will present a PO/quote for \$627.47 for a 2-day remote class.
- New desk has come in and is in place.
- Toilet for Station 1 women's room has been replaced.
- Urinal in men's room has been repaired.
- Trucks going out for service. The chief will advise, if anything needs to be removed.
- 104: waterway seals replacement.
- 101: to go out in the summer, for about 3 weeks, for paint issue.
- Building committee: 3 quotes are in. Will need to review with the committee.
- Building meeting: Sunday at 5pm. Notices to be posted at both stations and on the website.

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- Employee health and safety concerns: 1) Need to communicate to membership that bathroom visits are to be within time constraints, in consideration of employees and other members. Consider, adding another bathroom in the future. Per commissioners, a policy should be written to give women access to the live-in side bathroom and men to have access to the rec room bathroom. 2) Decontamination procedures have not been followed. Expressed concern for employees/members.

## *Rich Gregory:*

- Request for 10 new SCBA masks at roughly \$3400. APPROVED (New Equipment)
- Request for new accountability tag printer at \$2010. APPROVED (New equipment)
- Interested in joining Long Hill with OSHA lawyer. Will reimburse Long Hill for a portion of the cost. Will get a quote.

## *Kevin Mulligan:*

- Flagship program is ready to test. There is a concern regarding access to the PO system. Should limit access to Dave, the Commissioners and Emily. Recommends creating new account to tie into forms.
- Asked who has access to the Firefighter1@tcfcd.com email. Dave will look into this.

## *Sandra Mulligan:*

- Question regarding firefighter exemption for fire taxes. How will it be handled and estimated number of exemptions? Ed will advise.

## **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 09:10pm by Chairman Riggs. The next regular meeting will be at 7:00pm on April 4, 2024, at Station 2.

Minutes submitted by: S Mulligan, Secretary

Approved by: Trumbull Center Fire District Commissioners