

KENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

# APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

04012019 | 1900HRS | KVFD FIREHOUSE MEETING ROOM

## ATTENDEES

**MEMBERS:** J. Canning, J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel (arr@1925), G. Hock (arr@1929), R. Kennedy, E. Matson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, A. Romano, J. Scholsohn, W. Soule, J. Speck, M. Starr, A. Swagemaker, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

**GUESTS:** none

**Call to order @ 1910**

### Minutes of previous meeting

**MOTION:** made by B. Donzella/2nd by S. Dingee **Accept the minutes as distributed.**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Canning, J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, R. Kennedy, E. Matson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Scholsohn, W. Soule, J. Speck, M. Starr, A. Swagemaker, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: M. Starr, J. Scholsohn

**Motion passed**

**Public Comment - none**

**Correspondence - read**

**Membership -** The president read letter of resignation from member Nick Paproski.

**MOTION:** made by R. Trautmann/2nd by A. Swagemaker **Accept Nick Paprosiki's letter, and have the secretary send a letter of thanks for his service.**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Canning, J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, R. Kennedy, E. Matson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Scholsohn, W. Soule, J. Speck, M. Starr, A. Swagemaker, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining:

**Motion passed**

G. Hock arr@1925

A. Gawel arr@1929

## Old Business

### Flashlights

**MOTION:** made by G. Hock/2nd by A. Swagemaker **To purchase five traffic flashlights with donation from Kent Quilters not to exceed \$225.00.**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Canning, J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, E. Matson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Scholsohn, W. Soule, M. Starr, A. Swagemaker, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:* J. Speck

**Motion passed**

**Grease Trap** - in process

**Doctor office department physicals** - chief gave an update to the membership - he got a quote from Concentra with pricing for various different tests required.

### **New Business**

*Mowing Contract* - none

*New Ambulance Committee* - Art Romano gave a brief update on the committee's work. They are down to their final choice which will likely be a Type II Sprinter style unit made by AEV. There was a question about whether the committee should go through the RFP/bid project like the fire apparatus.

*SOP Ladder Truck* - no report.

*Technology Equipment* - no report.

*By-law change proposals* - member submitted to the secretary.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Unpaid bills read. Recurring bills read (attached).

**MOTION:** made by B. Donzella/2nd by R. Trautmann **To pay the bills as read.**

Discussion. Members asked various questions including concern about items on the recurring bills report not on the approved list. Treasurer noted there are also items on the 'recurring bills' list that are reimbursements to members for items that are part of an approved budget; question about why heating oil deliveries for back building are on auto-delivery and why the Department continues to pay. Jim Canning said originally the split was 80/20 KVFD/tenants; then in new lease it was 30/30/30 KVFD/tenant/tenant, but he reported that never kicked in. Because of the eviction process that had been taking place with prior tenant, the department chose to not draft a new lease. Matt Starr reported that he had spoken to the tenant back last summer about the oil and the tenant said the department keeps filling the tank. The president is meeting with the tenant tomorrow and will discuss with him and update membership. A member questioned whether the items on the letters from the auditor were going to be discussed at the EC meeting. President will be adding it.

*Voting yes:* J. Canning, J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, E. Matson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, A. Romano, J. Scholsohn, W. Soule, J. Speck, M. Starr, A. Swagemaker, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

*Voting no:* M. Starr

*Abstaining:* J. Speck

**Motion passed**

*M. Staff, J. Canning left @2022*

*J. Scholsohn, C. Rochovansky left on ambulance call@2022*

### **Fire Chief's Report -**

- Thanked members for their efforts at yesterday's structure fire on Tamshell Drive;
- Updated membership on Town of Kent capital plan and requested increase in annual grant;
- Reported the Line Officers meetings have changed to the 4th Wednesday of each month;
- Looking at forming a joint water rescue team with Sherman and Gaylordsville. Training officer is organizing swift water rescue training in the coming months, more to come;
- Reported on upcoming regional training at the Litchfield Fire School;

- Town of Kent submitted 2nd half of a grant for a flat-bottom boat;
- EM submitted a grant to purchase a drone;
- AC Soule reported calls for the month: 14

#### **Ambulance Chief's report -**

- MA Van Valkenburg reported calls for the month: 37 responses/25 transports
- Medic 4 contract was awarded to Campion; contract is with 1st selectman for review and signature;
- National EMS Week is coming up in May, more to come;
- RTFacts is hosting an upcoming fundraising event "Work. Play. Flow." It is a weeklong wellness event; proceeds will be split donated to Cornwall FD and KVFD. We will be providing hands-only CPR during event on Saturday.

#### **Line Officer Reports -**

- Brush Fire training is planned for April 11 @ 1900
- RIT gear has been moved to Engine 2
- Hose Testing is April 26th - looking for drivers to help move trucks
- Bonnie gave an update on A2 call volume.

#### **Appointed Officer Reports**

*Training Officer: no report*

*Communications Officer: no report*

*Technology Officer: reminder to all officers or committee chairs that have any @kentfire.org email address to be mindful of keeping your email inboxes organized. It is expected that each user take responsibility to maintain their inboxes, and their Google environment.*

#### **Committee reports**

*Ice Watch: J. Christen reported on the Ice Watch and picked raffle. Rob Kennedy picked the winning ticket.*

*Winner picked: Trevor Soule*

#### **Warnings:**

- M. Petrone warned to spend money on a new ambulance.
- Technology officer warned for tech equipment.
- Ambulance chief warned for recruitment and retention.
- AC Hock warned for a stokes basket.

#### **Meeting adjourned @ 2238**

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
JEAN C. SPECK

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 6 @ 1900**

#### **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:**

Chair: Heather Hastings

Members: Gary Hock, Seth Houck, Dan Kabasikalian