

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING **APPROVED** MINUTES

02.04.2019 | 1900HRS | KVFD FIREHOUSE MEETING ROOM

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS: J. Canning, J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, G. Price, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell (arr@1950), W. Soule, J. Speck, R. Trautman, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

GUESTS: Darren Owen from Udderly Funny Comedy Event.

Call to order @ 1908

MOTION: B. Donzella/2nd T. Limbos **To add DEEP reimbursement to the agenda under old business.**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Canning, J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, G. Price, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, J. Speck, R. Trautman, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Motion passed

Minutes of December meeting

MOTION: T. Limbos/2nd G. Hock **Accept the minutes as corrected.**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Canning, J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, G. Price, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, J. Speck, R. Trautman, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Motion passed

Public Comment - Gwen remarked that no thank you note has been sent to the Kent Quilters for their donation at the beginning of December, and that they earmarked the money to be spent on flashlights that Alan presented at one of their meetings and the balance to go towards the veteran grave markers.

Correspondence - read.

Membership - E. Matson read a letter from Kelly Limbos to move from emergency to auxiliary.

MOTION: T. Limbos /2nd J. Christen **To accept the letter from Kelly Limbos to move from emergency to auxiliary status with her thanks for her service.**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Canning, J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, G. Price, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, J. Speck, R. Trautman, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Motion passed

Old Business

-Comedy event: "Udderly Funny" comedy event

Darren Owen updated the membership on the event planned for this Saturday.

-iPad donation

MOTION: A. Gawel/2nd J. Christen The department use the Walmart grant award of \$500 to purchase two iPad Air 1st Gen 64GB and two Otterbox Defender cases from Fifth Generation Communications.

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Canning, J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, G. Price, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, R. Trautman, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: J. Speck

Motion passed

MOTION: A. Gawel/2nd J. Christen To spend \$100 on two Ram mounts for iPads.

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Canning, J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, G. Price, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, R. Trautman, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: J. Speck

Motion passed

MOTION: A. Gawel/2nd J. Christen To add 3 iPads to the Verizon data plan (attached).

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Canning, J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, G. Price, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, R. Trautman, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: J. Speck

Motion passed

-Budget 2019

A.Gawel updated membership on the work at the special EC meeting yesterday to make some revisions to the 2019 operating budget.

MOTION: T. Limbos /2nd G. Price To recommend to the department that the surplus from the 2018 actual be used to pay off the portable radio loan (estimated @\$22,060.00), fire helmets received in 2018 (\$3,407.43), recruitment/retention tent (estimated @ \$1,500.00), and fiber link (estimated @ \$5,000.00).

Discussion: about the grease trap that TAHD has warned us that we would need to go back to the Kent Sewer Commission for another waiver in order to use the kitchen.

Voting yes: J. Canning, J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, G. Price, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, R. Trautman, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: J. Speck

Motion passed

MOTION: A. Gawel/2nd MAV to add the spending policy to the agenda.

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Canning, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, G. Price, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, R. Trautman, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Motion passed

MOTION: A. Gawel/2nd CRochovansky **to suspend the policy and spend up to \$5,000 from the surplus from the 2018 budget actual to install the required grease trap.**

Voting yes: J. Canning, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, G. Price, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, R. Trautman, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: J. Speck

Motion passed

MOTION: A. Gawel/2nd CRochovansky **to approve the revised 2019 Budget (as attached) with a total revenue of \$330,000 and total expenses of \$330,000, with Capital Plan \$ amount added at a later date.**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Canning, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, G. Price, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, R. Trautman, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: J. Speck

Motion passed

-Capital Plan:

-DEEP brush fire reimbursement:

MOTION: W. Soule/2nd R. Trautmann **Have all monies received from the State of CT. DEEP Forestry Fire reimbursement checks for personnel hours go to the department and not to individuals.**

Discussion: there was discussion of how much the hourly reimbursement is and how the check is cut; discussion about whether or not to earmark the funds.

Voting yes: J. Canning, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, G. Price, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, R. Trautman, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: J. Speck

Motion passed

New Business

-Ski Race:

Fire On the Mountain Ski Race at Mohawk Ski Area is scheduled for March. G. Hock is organizing the team - contact him if interested in joining the team.

Treasurer's Report

MOTION: T. Limbos/2nd R. Trautman **To pay the recurring bills and upcoming bills as read (attached).**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Canning, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, G. Price, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, R. Trautman, E. Tuz, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: J. Speck

Motion passed

C. Rochovansky read the bank accounts on hand:

Account	Balance
Operating account:	\$34,327.35
Ambulance billing:	\$10,804.24

Donation account:	\$72,058.32
BoA:	\$20,946.82
Webster	\$12,811.26
Roof Loan:	\$232.36
total:	\$151,180.29
Outstanding (bills paid prior to meeting):	\$31,047.18
Rear bldg:	\$51,967
Today's total balance:	\$128,190.54

(J. Canning left @2050)

Fire Chief's Report:

- Alan and MA VanValkenburg met with Kent School in regards to access to the campus. Various apparatus have been assigned key cards. The school has a very large "EMS Club" ~60 members, that are active and focused on EMS.
- Spoke about First Net
- Sherman & Gaylordsville have approached the dept about forming a regional cold water rescue team. The chiefs will be meeting to discuss.
- Rick Osborne brought a possible grant opportunity to the chief to pay for the other half of the boat. More to come.
- Thanked the membership for those responding to calls.
- Reminder to all those who intend to continue interior firefighting must have their physicals turned in, as well SCBA and N95 fit-testing. The Chief will follow up with some fit-testing dates.
- The policy on physicals needs to be updated and the Chief plans to bring a revised policy to the March meeting.
- He thanked John Russell for his work over the past year as Training Officer, and has re-appointed him for 2019.
- Wendell reported on fire responses - 23 calls for the month.

Ambulance Chief's report:

- 29 calls in January.
- Next ambulance meeting is next Monday February 11th.
- Reminder to everyone about restocking supplies after every call, no matter what.
- John Christen asked the ambulance chief to remind responders to wash off the ambulance after each call.
- The Paramedic Oversight Committee met a couple of weeks ago. The contract expires in June. An RFP will be sent out soon.

Line Officer Reports:

- T. Limbos reported on the new format hazmat refresher he is using.
- W. Soule reminds fire responders to check for fuel every time you return from a call.

Appointed Officer Reports:

Quartermaster: E. Tuz read the list of members who went on the minimum 12 calls for 2018 and will receive t-shirts as a thank you.

MOTION: T. Limbos/2nd R. Trautmann To purchase 3 pagers.

Voting yes:

Voting no:

Abstaining: J. Speck

Motion passed

Technology Officer: starting next month, refreshment committee assignments will start getting sent out as a calendar invite. Members will get a reminder two weeks prior to the monthly meeting then a second reminder the week prior to the meeting. Please acknowledge by 'accepting' the invite. If anyone has technical issues, please email techoff@kentfire.org.

Training Officer:

- This Thursday will be airpack checks
- March 7th: At HVRHS brush fire refresher training 6-9p
- Feb 16 & 17: Cold Water Rescue class in Sherman - contact J. Russell
- Coming up: elevator emergencies and standpipe operations
- March/April: Tower strategies and tactics

Committee reports: none

Warning of expenditures:

- G. Hock warned for money for Ski Race event entry fee.
- J. Speck warned for money for technology items.
- MA Van Valkenburg warned for ambulance equipment.
- T. Limbos warned for pack and bottle labels.
- G. Hock warned for flashlights and grave markers.

Meeting adjourned @ 2232

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
JEAN C. SPECK

NEXT MEETING: 04 MARCH @ 1900hrs

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:

CHAIR: J. Donzella

MEMBERS: B. Donzella, E. Epstein, T. Farrell