

# JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

01.06.2020 | 1900HRS | KVFD FIREHOUSE MEETING ROOM

## ATTENDEES

**MEMBERS:** J. Christen, L. Dingee (arr@1957), S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio (arr@1927), B. Donzella, L. Erskine (arr@1935), A. Gawel, S. Green (left @2115), G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, J. Speck, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

**GUESTS:** none

**Call to order @ 1906**

## Minutes of previous meeting -

**MOTION:** made by S. Green/W. Soule **Accept the minutes of the November meeting, with changes noted.**

Discussion: C. Rochovansky requested the minutes be changed to reflect that she did not say she would not be running for any position, only that she would not be running for Treasurer.

Voting yes: J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, J. Speck, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining:

**Motion passed**

**MOTION:** made by C. Rochovansky/S. Green **Accept the minutes of the December meeting, with changes noted.**

Discussion: T. Limbos requested "Replacement SCBA masks have been put on trucks" be removed from line officer reports.

Voting yes: J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, J. Speck, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz.

Voting no:

Abstaining: MA Van Valkenburg.

**Motion passed**

**Public Comment** - T. Limbos brought up questions about previous motions regarding the parking spot outside of the side door near the offices. Extended discussion.

**Correspondence** - the Secretary read correspondence from member Gwen Price requesting to move to Veteran status.

**MOTION:** made by MA Van Valkenburg/ J. Speck. **To move Gwen Price to the Veteran's list and have the Secretary send a letter of thanks for her service.**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, J. Speck, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

Voting no:

*Abstaining:*

***Motion passed***

### **Membership**

A. Gawel remarked about the work Jim Canning has volunteered over the years to the department.

***MOTION:*** *made by A. Gawel/R. Trautmann. To give Jim Canning a \$100 gift certificate to a local restaurant to thank him for his work.*

*Discussion:*

*Voting yes:* J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, J. Speck, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:*

***Motion passed***

***MOTION:*** *made by T. Limbos/A. Gawel. To enter into executive session @ 1928.*

*Discussion:*

*Voting yes:* J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, J. Speck, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:*

***Motion passed***

***MOTION:*** *made by T. Limbos/MA Van Valkenburg. To exit executive session @ 1934.*

*Discussion:*

*Voting yes:* J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, J. Speck, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:*

***Motion passed***

MA Van Valkenburg introduced prospective member Yanira Hernandez. She is enrolled in the FFI course in Brookfield and her sponsor is Mike Petrone.

***MOTION:*** *made by MA Van Valkenburg/J. Speck To accept Yanira Hernandez as a probationary member.*

*Discussion:*

*Voting yes:* J. Christen, S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, J. Speck, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:*

***Motion passed***

### **Ladder Truck Policy & SOP Review**

M. Petrone reported concern about whether the department is following policy and what happened with getting new operators signed off to operate apparatus, who is authorized, etc. Discussion about testing process for members.

### **Old Business**

- **Snow Plowing** - E. Matson will be asking the Town to supply plowing and salting/sanding. Discussion of options going forward to ensure this is done.

## **New Business**

- **Budget 2020**

**MOTION:** made by MA. Van Valkenburg/B. Donzella **To table consideration of the 2020 budget.**

*Discussion:*

*Voting yes:* J. Christen, L. Dingee, S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:* J. Speck

**Motion passed**

- **Town Capital Requests** - E. Matson reported the Board of Selectman upheld their motion from a previous meeting to set a deadline for the fire department to submit their capital requests and deny requests submitted after the deadline, which the department did not meet.

## **Election of Officers for 2020**

- Ed Matson presented for Fire Chief by Nominating Committee, no other nominations presented. Ed Matson elected as Fire Chief (21 votes in favor, 2 abstentions);
- Caralee Rochovansky presented by Nominating Committee, Eric Epstein nominated from the floor. Caralee Rochovansky elected as President (13 votes for Caralee Rochovansky, 9 votes for Eric Epstein, 1 abstention);
- Gary Hock presented for Assistant Fire Chief by Nominating Committee, no other nominations presented. Gary Hock elected as Assistant Fire Chief (22 votes in favor, 3 abstentions);
- Tim Limbos presented for Assistant Fire Chief by Nominating Committee, no other nominations presented. Tim Limbos elected as Assistant Fire Chief (18 votes in favor, 5 abstentions);
- Mary Ann Van Valkenburg presented for Ambulance Chief by Nominating Committee, no other nominations presented. Mary Ann VanValkenburg elected as Ambulance Chief (22 votes in favor; 1 abstention);
- Bonnie Donzella presented for Assistant Ambulance Chief by Nominating Committee, no other nominations presented. Bonnie Donzella elected as Assistant Ambulance Chief (20 votes in favor, 3 abstentions)
- Ed Tuz presented for Captain by Nominating Committee, no other nominations presented. Ed Tuz elected as Captain (22 votes in favor, 1 abstention);
- Audra Petrone presented as Captain by Nominating Committee, no other nominations presented. Audra Petrone elected as Captain (17 votes in favor, 6 abstentions);
- Sean Dingee presented for Lieutenant by Nominating Committee, no other nominations presented. Sean Dingee elected as Lieutenant (19 votes in favor, 4 abstentions);
- John Russell presented for Lieutenant by Nominating Committee, no other nominations presented. John Russell elected as Lieutenant (21 votes in favor, 2 abstentions);
- Jean Speck nominated from the floor for Secretary by Mary Ann Van Valkenburg. Jean Speck elected as Secretary (18 votes in favor, 5 abstentions);
- John Christen presented for Engineer by Nominating Committee, no other nominations presented. John Christen elected as Engineer (16 votes in favor, 7 abstentions).

**Juniors Report** no report

**Treasurer's Report**

The bills were read.

**MOTION:** made by T. Limbos /2nd by S. Green To pay the bills as read.

*Discussion:*

*Voting yes:* J. Christen, L. Dingee, S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:* J. Speck

**Motion passed**

**MOTION:** made by A. Gawel/T. Limbos To use last year's recurring bill list as the 2020 list of recurring bills.

*Discussion:*

*Voting yes:* J. Christen, L. Dingee, S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:* J. Speck

**Motion passed**

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

- A. Gawel passed on his chief's badge to new chief E. Matson.
- Calls for the month: 21
- Calls for 2019: 198

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

- Call for the month: 36 calls
- Calls for 2019: 421
- Reminder about cleaning ambulance after all calls
- Reminder to members to check their first-in bags for expired supplies.

**MOTION:** made by MA Van Valkenburg/B. Donzella To spend \$262.50 to join the American Ambulance Association.

*Discussion:*

*Voting yes:* J. Christen, L. Dingee, S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:* J. Speck

**Motion passed**

**MOTION:** made by MA Van Valkenburg/B. Donzella To spend \$700.00 to attend the AAA Ambulance Cost Education workshop.

*Discussion:*

*Voting yes:* J. Christen, L. Dingee, S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:* J. Speck

**Motion passed**

## Line Officer Reports

- AC Hock reported that Tower 1 failed it's inspection and needed a weld repair.
- AC Hock reported that his name, title, email and cell phone were used without his knowledge to inquire with a company. The company is investigating the IP address used and will follow up.
- AC Hock presented info on the Annual Mohawk Ski Race that he organizes a team to participate in.

**MOTION:** made by G. Hock/J. Christen **To spend up to \$300 for team registration for the 2020 Mohawk Ski Race.**

*Discussion:*

*Voting yes:* J. Christen, L. Dingee, S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:* J. Speck

**Motion passed**

## Appointed Officer Reports

*Communications Officer:*

**MOTION:** made by T. Limbos/A. Gawel **To spend up to \$300 for frequency coordination from IMSA for a new simplex vhf Public Safety frequency to be used for the Kent School crossband repeater.**

*Discussion:*

*Voting yes:* J. Christen, L. Dingee, S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio, B. Donzella, A. Gawel, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, W. Soule, E. Tuz

*Voting no:* M. Petrone, E. Epstein

*Abstaining:* J. Speck, B. Donzella, C. Rochovansky, MA. Van Valkenburg, R. Trautmann.

**Motion passed**

- Reported that while he will not be looking for reappointment, there will be programming that will need to be done on the radios and will need to look into vendors to do this work.

*Technology Officer:* Updated membership on Windows 7 OS end of support and need to upgrade computers in the firehouse.

**MOTION:** made by M. Petrone/B. Donzella **To spend up to \$1800 to replace three desktop computers.**

*Discussion:*

*Voting yes:* J. Christen, L. Dingee, S. Dingee, B. D'Iorio, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, S. Green, G. Hock, R. Kennedy, T. Limbos, E. Matson, C. Munson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, W. Soule, R. Trautmann, E. Tuz, MA Van Valkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:* J. Speck

**Motion passed**

*Engineer:*

- Reported on various maintenance work coming up.
- Reminded the membership of the importance for all vehicles to be rinsed off vehicles after each call. The materials used to treat the roads are corrosive.

*Discussion of status of light upgrades. M. Petrone will follow up with the company.*

## Committee reports

*Boat: no report - AC Hock suggested reaching out to local organizations for possible*

**Warnings for expenditures:**

*Technology equipment*

*Recruitment & Retention*

*Boat*

*Communications*

*Undercoating for apparatus*

**Meeting adjourned @ 2152**

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jean C. Speck, Secretary

*Note: These are draft minutes and corrections may be made at a subsequent meeting. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections.*

**NEXT MEETING: February 3rd @1900**

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:**

**Chair: Sean Dingee**

**Members:** John Christen, Lou Dingee, Brian D'Iorio

