

KENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

05.04.2020 | 1900HRS | HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM DUE TO COVID19

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS: J. Christen(left@2045), K. Cullip, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, T. Limbos, E. Matson, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell(arr@1935), W. Soule, J. Speck, MA Van Valkenburg.

GUESTS: Shannon Lewis, Jennifer Ziegler, Wendy Murphy

Call to order @ 1912

MOTION: made by M. Petrone/C. Rochovansky **Accept the minutes of the April 6th meeting, with change noted: T. Limbos voted "nay" on the motion "to forward the document to BoF and BoS and leave savings out of the document at this time and allow it to come up in a discussion with them."**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Christen, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, T. Limbos, E. Matson, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, J. Speck, MA Van Valkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Motion passed

Public Comment -

- J. Christen drew the name for the Ice Watch drawing. The name drawn was Rebecca Da Silva, who will share half of the total gross revenue of \$244.00.
- MA Van Valkenburg expressed concern about members of the public using the parking areas for recreation riding bicycles, etc. Discussion about consideration of allowing the public to utilize the areas with common sense. Consensus was to remind the members to engage with the public to better monitor the areas and guide users away from response areas.

Correspondence - read seven notes with donations in memory of William Goodsell, one in memory of Carol Hall, and two thank yous.

MOTION: made by C. Rochovansky/B. Donzella **Add Memorial Day Parade, resolution for Union Savings Bank, fundraising idea to the agenda under new business.**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Christen, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, T. Limbos, E. Matson, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, J. Speck, MA Van Valkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Motion passed

Membership -

MOTION: made by B. Donzella/ G. Hock **Approve Shannon Lewis as an Associate Emergency member.**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Christen, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, T. Limbos, E. Matson, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, J. Speck, MA Van Valkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Motion passed

MOTION: made by B. Donzella/ G. Hock **Approve Jennifer Zeigler as an Associate Emergency member.**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Christen, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, T. Limbos, E. Matson, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, J. Speck, MA Van Valkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Motion passed

Old Business

- **Dues** - Mike reported there are 4-6 member who have not paid annual dues. He will follow up with them individually. Discussion on status of members if they are not up to date on dues.
- **Rear building roof repair update** - Ed is working to locate the vendor that completed the roof replacement to contact them about leaks that have started to occur during periods of rain.

New Business

- **Town budget survey** - Caralee reminded the membership to request the funding be added back for the rescue truck in year 2025 of the Town Capital Plan by completing the survey previously sent out.
- **Kent Conservation Commission Solar Program** - Caralee was contacted by Wendy Murphy from the KCC about a solar energy grant program, to see if the department is interested in participating in the program - solar panels would be installed at no cost, and energy not used could be 'banked'. Consensus showed interest in exploring.
- **Memorial Day Parade** - discussion; the American Legion will be discussing at their meeting this week and will be on the BoS agenda for discussion and decision. The membership was open to an alternative parade if that was recommended.

- **Resolution for Union savings bank -**

MOTION: made by M. Petrone/G. Hock **To add the check signers in the department to the safety deposit box at Union Savings Bank.**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Christen, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, T. Limbos, E. Matson, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, J. Speck, MA Van Valkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Motion passed

- Fundraising idea - Mary Ann was contacted by Glenn Carlin at Crew Design with an idea for an auction-style fundraiser and have proceeds go to the department. They have designed and created a number of art mirrors using salvaged local wood to frame. They would do a social media campaign to advertise; hold a 'drive-by' event where participants can view the pieces then bid on them via an online auction (Ebay and possibly Etsy). Discussion; concern that the membership voted to cancel all fundraisers last month so could we hold an event. Was decided that since Crew Design would be doing everything that it was allowable. Mary Ann will follow up the crew Design.

Chief's Report -

- calls for the month: 12
- Still waiting for an active member list from the Records Clerk who is working to get caught up on entering attendance records.
- Thanked the members who planned and participated in the Birthday Express program today.

Line Officer's reports:

MOTION: made by T. Limbos/G. Hock **To use FireRescue1 for online fire training.**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J. Christen, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, T. Limbos, E. Matson, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, MA Van Valkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: J. Speck

Motion passed

Ambulance Chief's report -

- Calls for the month: 22
- Reported the Veteran's Bridge in New Milford will be closed at night soon for painting. This closing will effect ambulance transport to New Milford Hospital. When transporting to NMED, take boardman Bridge off of Rt7 through the first underpass at MEDInstill (the old Nestles') Boardman turns into Housatonic Avenue. Continue straight to Housatonic Av passed Young's Field to Rt202, the east side of the bridge. Take a left onto Rt 202
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- Discussed detour that will have to take place until XXX on the route to New Milford hospital. Discussion of alternate routes via Housatonic Av. and Patriots Way.
- Provided update on COVID19 response prep
- Discussion of Binder Lift.

MOTION: made by MA Van Valkenburg/B. Donzella **To purchase two nylon Binder Lifts for \$1,022.00.**

Discussion: A. Gawel expressed concern about making an expenditure without it being listed as a specific agenda item, and making a purchase of this level in a time when we have canceled our fundraisers. Discussion.

Voting yes: B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, T. Limbos, E. Matson, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, MA Van Valkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: J. Speck

Motion passed

- Reported on trailers at High Watch Farm that have been placed on the property to provide quarantine space for new guests while awaiting COVID19 test results.

Treasurer's Report - The bills were read.

MOTION: made by C. Rochovansky/B. Donzella **To pay the bills as read.**

Voting yes: B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, T. Limbos, E. Matson, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, MA Van Valkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: G. Hock, J. Speck

Motion passed

- Reported on recommendation from previous bookkeeper to add the new bookkeeper with read-only access to the Union Savings online banking.

MOTION: made by T. Limbos/B. Donzella **To add bookkeeper to the Union Savings account to a read only for an extra \$20.00 a month charge for the next three months.**

Voting yes: B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, T. Limbos, E. Matson, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, J. Speck, MA Van Valkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: G. Hock, J. Speck

Motion passed

MOTION: made by A. Gawel/B. Donzella **To set aside the spending policy to allow for quickbooks support agreement.**

Voting yes: B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, T. Limbos, E. Matson, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, J. Speck, MA Van Valkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Motion passed

MOTION: made by M. Petrone/T. Limbos To spend up to \$1200.00 for one-year support of Quickbooks and have them repair the 2015 database so that we can convert to the 2020 version.

Voting yes: B. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, G. Hock, T. Limbos, E. Matson, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell, W. Soule, J. Speck, MA Van Valkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining:

Motion passed

- Mike will be closing out the old Webster bank account this week.

Appointed positions - none

Committee reports - none

Warnings for expenditures:

- Zello radio interface - \$450.00
- Union Savings read only access - \$200.00
- EMS Week - \$400.00

Meeting adjourned @ 2216

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: JUNE 2nd @1900