

KENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

# JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

06012020 | 1900HRS | ZOOM MEETING

## ATTENDEES

**MEMBERS:** J.Christen, B. Donzella, J. Donzella(left @19:38), E. Epstein, A. Gawel(out @19:55), W. Harvey, Y. Hernandez (in @19:36), G. Hock, E. Matson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Russell (in @19:30, out @ 19:55), J. Speck, M. Starr (out @19:26, in @19:36), MA VanValkenburg.

**GUESTS:** none

**Call to order @ 1908**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

## Minutes of previous meeting

**MOTION:** made by M.Petrone/2nd by J. Speck **Approve Minutes of May 4th Meeting**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J.Christen, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, E. Epstein, A. Gawel, W. Harvey, G. Hock, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, J. Speck, M. Starr, MA VanValkenburg

Voting no:

Abstaining:

**Motion passed**

**Public Comment** - President reported on the passing of past Ambulance Chief Joan William's and her husband Tim's son Tim Jr. Flowers were sent from the department

**MOTION:** made by Caralee/2nd by J. Speck **Add election of Captain to new business**

Discussion:

Voting yes: J.Christen, B. Donzella, J. Donzella, A. Gawel, G. Hock, E. Matson, M. Petrone, J. Speck, MA VanValkenburg

Voting no:

Abstaining:

**Correspondence** - President read a letter of Resignation from Captain Tuz effective 6/1/2020 for the Captain and Quartermaster positions. He will remain an active member of the department.

**Membership** - no action could be taken on 2 members due to come off probation as no records were supplied to the EC at the EC meeting

## Old Business

**Rear Building Roof Update** - Ed reported no update

**Kent Conservation Commission Solar Program** - Wendy Murphy not in attendance to give update, although C. Rochovansky reported they are looking at locations in town and KVFD is one spot they are looking at.

## New Business

**Election of Secretary-** President reported that the secretary has resigned as of 5/26.

**MOTION:** made by C.Rochovansky/2nd by J. Speck **To lay on the table the election of Secretary**

Voting yes: J. Christen, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, J. Speck, M. VanValkenburg

Voting no: B. Donzella, A. Gawel, G. Hock, E. Matson, C. Rochovansky, J. Rusell

Abstaining:

**Motion failed**

The President opens the election for Secretary. Asks for any nominations. A. Gawel nominates B. Donzella. B. Donzella declines. No other nominations received. Election is tabled until next month.

**Election of Captain - tabled**

**Additional Zoom Licensing** -MA VanValkenburg requested we obtain an additional license on the fire dept Zoom account so she can schedule meetings. C. Rochovansky reported she had spoken to Zoom and to add another license it would cost an additional \$14.99/month AND we would lose our initial 17% discount and instead of paying \$12.49/month we would have to pay \$14.99/month x 2. Caralee will give Mary Ann the dept log in information.

**Ambulance 2 repairs** - Ambulance 2 has been out of service since the beginning of May due to the light bar not working. J. Christen reported 90% of the lights on A2 are out. NE looked at it and reported possible repairs would take 1-2 weeks at an estimated cost of \$7700. Eastford reported they would have to ship the ambulance to the factory in North Carolina for 4 weeks at an estimated cost of \$13000

MA VanValkenburg reports she spoke to Chris at Eastford and they are willing to come pick up A2 at no cost to us (minus fuel) to diagnose any problems.

J. Christen will call Chris tomorrow.

**PPE Mezzanine Storage Closet** - MA VanValkenburg reported on building a PPE storage closet in the mezzanine outside of the quartermasters room. Eric is donating materials and Wendell is building it.

**MOTION:** made by MA VanValkenburg/2nd by C. Rochovansky **To spend no more than \$100 to build a closet off the quartermaster's closet in the mezzanine to secure PPE**

Voting yes: J.Christen, B. Donzella, E. Epstein, W. Harvey, Y. Hernandez, G. Hock, E. Matson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, M. Starr, MA VanValkenburg.

Voting no:

Abstaining: J. Speck

**Motion passed**

**Neighbor Concerns** -President reported on neighbor Bonnie Bevans most recent complaint. The new LED lights that were installed recently are shining extremely brightly into her windows, especially the one on the bay door above the ambulances. Jean shared pictures of the lights from Bonnie's windows. At the EC meeting M. Petrone said he would speak to the company that installed them to see if maybe there were glare shields we could get to put on the lights.

**Formation of Truck Replacement Committee**-President is forming a committee to look at replacing Eng 1. She has appointed G. Hock as chairperson. Anyone interested in being on the committee is asked to email the President at [president@kentfire.org](mailto:president@kentfire.org)

**Cell Tower Letter**- Chief Matson reported that he received email or mail (couldn't remember which) from the cell tower company asking about the department changing its position on the tower. Mike read the email that

was written by Past Chief Gawel and sent to the Board of Selectman on 12/13/2019 stating the departments position.

***MOTION:* made by E. Epstein/2nd by M. Petrone To stand by the original 2019 support of the KVFD of Homeland Towers**

*Voting yes:* B. Donzella, E. Epstein, W. Harvey, Y. Hernandez, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, M. Starr, MA VanValkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:* G. Hock, E. Matson, J. Speck

***Motion passed***

**Fire Chief's Report -**

- Will begin using FireRescue1 Academy soon for training
- Governor has increased in person gatherings to 10 people (from 5)
- Cartridges are in for the airpacks
- Discussed the situation of Secretary and the need for one
- Thanked those members who were part of the the Memorial Day activities

**Asst Fire Chief's Report -**

- Asst Chief Hock reported 11 calls for the month of May
- 2 MVA's, 3 Structure fires, 4 automatic alarms, 1 EMS assist and 1 smoke investigation
- Gaylordsville will be hose testing on Fri June 6th at our fire house
- There is a small bridge on Cherniske Rd in New Milford that is out

**Ambulance Chief's report -**

- Total calls for May - 24
- EMS Pro has been cancelled
- Will be putting together PPE bags for responders

**Line Officer Reports -**

- No reports

**Treasurer's Report**

M. Petrone read a list of bills.

Recurring bills \$5,218.67 minus binder lift cost of \$1,022.00 for a total of \$4,196.67

Unpaid bills \$4,788.19

Reported on accounts:

Ambulance Revenue Acct \$35,622.15

Donation Acct \$70,609.01

Operating Acct \$18,364.11

Rear Building Acct \$146,020.12

***MOTION:* made by C. Rochovansky/2nd by W. Harvey To accept and pay the bills as read.**

*Voting yes:* B. Donzella, E. Epstein, W. Harvey, Y. Hernandez, E. Matson, A. Petrone, M. Petrone, C. Rochovansky, M. Starr, MA VanValkenburg.

*Voting no:*

*Abstaining:* J. Speck

### ***Motion passed***

Mike reported he has ordered a debit card (from the operating account) for the department. Will be locked in the file cabinet. Has been assigned and only to be used by the treasurer.

### **Appointed Officer Reports**

*Quartermaster position is open. Please contact the President if you are interested in the job*

### **Committee reports**

**Boat:** M. Starr reported the committee had a meeting and reviewed Tim's bid. They did not accept the bid. Caralee, Eric, and Matt are still working on gathering information

**Juniors:** M. Starr reported there is still only 1 Junior. Questioned why he hasn't received any emails or mail recently from the Juniors acct.

### **Meeting adjourned @ 2100**

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
Bonnie Donzella

**NEXT MEETING: JULY 6@1900**