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To: Members <members@kentfire.org>, Veterans <veterans@kentfire.org>, Auxiliary <auxiliary@kentfire.org>

Kent Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Regular Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2021 1900 hours
Hybrid Meeting

Chair: John Russell, President

Secretary: Cathe Mazza

In Attendance

Members: Bonnie Donzella, Eric Epstein, Mike Petrone, Caralee Rochovansky, John Russell, Wendell Soule, Jean Speck, Matt Starr, MaryAnn VanValkenburg, Jill Scholsohn, Cathe Mazza, Kerri Cullip

Auxiliary: Diane Impastato

General Public: none

Meeting called to order with quorum at 17:06 hours.

Approval of January 04, 2021 Minutes: **Bonnie Donzella motioned to approve the minutes, 2nd by Matt Starr. After brief discussion, the motion was amended to accept the minutes with corrections.**

Voting yays: Bonnie Donzella, Mike Petrone, Caralee Rochovansky, Wendall Soule, Jill Scholsohn, Jean Speck, Matt Starr, Cathe Mazza. Nays: none Abstentions: Mary Ann Van Valkenburg. **Motion carries.**

Public Comment; none

Correspondence; secretary read a holiday card, a thank you from Gaylordsville FD for storing their Mack Tanker, and a general thank you letter with a donation.

Membership; welcome to Eric. The President announced that Donald Connery (husband of long time member Leslie) died on January 11.

Old Business;

1. Foundation Committee report by Caralee, Jean and John R., with a review of a timeline. There is a need for a contract but the expense has not been warned so no vote tonight. The Committee will investigate other vendors and Caralee will distribute their meeting minutes.

2. Firefighter Physicals: report by Caralee, Tim L., and Jim Canning. Tim distributed the revised document. Eric made a motion, seconded by Wendall, to approve the physical policy. Voting Yay: Jean Speck, Bonnie Donzella, Caralee Rochovansky, Eric Epstein, Wendall Soule, John Russell, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg, Jill Scholsohn. Voting Nay: Matt Starr. Abstentions: Cathe Mazza. **Motion carries.**

New Business

3. Technology: no report
4. Tower expenditures discussion
5. Bookkeeper Committee report: Eric Epstein made a motion, seconded by Wendall, to raise the bookkeeper's rate to \$32 per hour. General discussion about why to raise rate \$5? Caution about limiting the hours and having the Treasurer supervise those hours. Voting Yay: John Russell, Mike Petrone, Wendall Soule, Jill Scholsohn, Caralee Rochovansky, Matt Starr, Jean Speck, Bonnie Donzella, Eric Epstein, Mary Ann Van Valkenburg. Voting Nay: none. Abstentions: Cathe Mazza. **Motion carries.**
6. CT OSHA legislative proposal was brought up by Matt Starr. CT OSHA does not oversee us or inspect us now, but the proposal would include us.

Chief's Report: Wendall reported 8 fire calls in January.

Line Officers: none

Ambulance Chief - Bonnie reported 36 calls in January. A2 is in service but A1 is being used in bad weather. Meetings with ERM are planned for January 31 and February 7. Lifepak 15 is on order from Stryker for cost of \$23, 868.92 which includes a \$5,000 trade in on our old machine.

Treasurer's Report: delay in publishing

Appointed Position Reports: none

Committee Reports:

7. LCD: future radio system 800 in the works says Eric. It's a couple of years out with lots of testing still to be done but it will run through State Police and make communication state-wide very easy. Staff at LCD have recovered from COVID-19. The LCD Board approved a grant proposal for \$500,000.00 to cover payroll overtime, and monies have been received.

Juniors: no report

Executive: the secretary read the following list of appointed positions thus far:

Financial Secretary (until replaced asap): Bonnie Donzella
Firehouse Coordinator: Sherm Green
Records Clerk: Jeremy Matson
Technology: Jean Speck
Equipment Loan Officer: John Christen
Communications Officer: Alan Gawel
Bookkeeper: Marci Newton
Auxiliary Coordinator: Mary Ann Van Valkenburg
Quartermaster:
Kitchen and Event Coordinator:
Juniors:

Expenditure Warnings:

8. The Foundation Committee warned for up to \$7,500.00 for consulting services.
9. Technology Committee warned without amount as they're waiting for quotes.

Meeting adjourned at 20:20 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathe Mazza
Secretary
Kent Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

NEXT MEETING:
REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:
Chair:
Members:

These are draft minutes and corrections may be made by the Kent Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. membership at a subsequent meeting. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections and approval of these minutes.



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