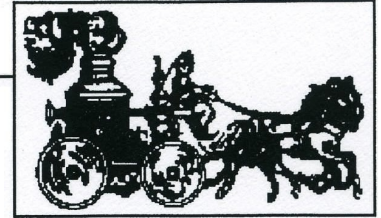


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MINUTES - FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - DECEMBER 12, 2024

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Tom Giblin.

The minutes were e-mailed out to all members. Motion by Matt Leonard, second by Mike Redding to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024 meeting. Carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: Deputy Fire Coordinator Jerry Launt reported:

Radio project update: They have completed radio programming in all of the battalions except for battalion 3 which is currently underway.

OES:

1. Director position: Neal Haight has been offered and has accepted the position of Director of Emergency Services and is now awaiting legislative approval.
2. Staffing changes: We have hired two fire investigators - Tia Tennant and Jason McGonnigal. These are replacements, not additions.
3. FI-1: The new vehicle is in limited service. We are awaiting installation of warning equipment which will take a while as there are no local vendors on contract.
4. Roll-off container: No update.
5. EV Fire blankets: These are in service and available for mutual aid response. (Located at 28, 59, 66)
6. Firefighter Physicals: We are currently in discussions with Guthrie, as they are performing firefighter physicals per the NFPA standard rather than the OSHA Standard which is clearly written in our contract.
7. Inmate work release program: Had a brief meeting with Sheriff Akshar and his administrative staff regarding them bringing back this program and how it can help the fire service, more to follow. These crews were a big help to fire departments, helping them clean stations, shovel hydrants, etc.
8. Mike Redding noted that he has seen the advertisements for the Deputy Director of OES position.

BYLAWS: No report.

PREVENTION/EDUCATION: Rob Brady reported that the fire safety trailer was used a lot this year. Thanks to Port Crane for allowing us to store it over the winter at their fire station. The new tow vehicle needs work - brakes, replacement of rusty tire rims, and it also needs some body work.

LEGISLATURE: County Legislator Scott Baker advised: :

- Neal Haight was approved this month as new Director of OES.
- He passed along holiday greetings from Legislator Bob Weslar who was unable to attend tonight.
- There are a lot of grants, we should take advantage of these where we can.

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- Legislator Baker asked about money for Fire Advisory Board, how has this been funded? Currently the Fire Advisory Board has no funding. He felt it would be good to have funds to use for fire prevention and fire safety education.
- How are the Chiefs and Firefighters' Association funded? The Chiefs' Association raised their dues this year.
- The Firefighters Association dues is just \$10 for fire companies and \$5 for individual firefighters, most of this funds the newsletter and newsletter postage is paid by NBT Insurance. A few years ago they started sending out voluntary invoices to fire companies asking that they pay \$100 per year to support the fire safety trailer. They are fortunate that many of the fire companies have been paying the trailer maintenance fee and it does help to fund insurance, registrations, gas and repairs. Currently the trailer is badly in need of a new generator.
- Legislator Baker thought it would be good for the County to spearhead funding to be used for fire prevention, fire safety education and even recruitment. Perhaps towns could put money towards this? A small part of sales tax or money from the casinos could be put towards this? He felt it would be good for the county to get towns behind funding for prevention. There are also Community Funding grants that could help this.

HAZ MAT: Money from the state is now available and the team will start looking at needed equipment.

LINK FIELD: Renovations at the terminal are ahead of schedule. Currently Delta is the only provider. The director is hoping to bring in more flights after the renovations are complete. There are a lot of private planes that use the airport.

BROOME COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOC: Tom Palazzo stepped down as Secretary, Jason Delanoy has now taken this position. Jerry Emmons has also stepped down from the Chiefs' Association.

BROOME COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC:

- January meeting is at West Corners. Now just meeting 6 times a year: January, March, May, August, October and December.
- Officers are the same for 2025. Treasurer Gil Senger is getting ready to retire from the post. For this year we have a Deputy Treasurer, Kayla Ferraro, who is learning the job to take over for Gil next year.
- If you have information for the newsletter, please get it to Alice Fiacco. We are always looking for information for the newsletter.

NYS AFC: No report.

SOUTH CENTRAL FIRE POLICE: They are meeting tonight.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fire Advisory Board legislative members are currently Scott Baker, Greg Baldwin and Bob Weslar. They have not yet appointed legislative committees for 2025.

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2025 Meetings: March 13, May 8, September 11 and December 11.

Next meeting is March 13, at 7 pm. Motion by Rob Brady, second by Wayne Sherwood to adjourn at 7:37 pm.
Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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