

**BLUE HILLS FIRE DISTRICT
MEETING OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
LOCATION: 1021 BLUE HILLS AVENUE
BLOOMFIELD, CT
WEDNESDAY, January 5, 2022
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai, Commissioner Donna Banks, Commissioner Sheray McDowell, Chief Willie Jones, Director of Finance Errol Bartley, Deputy Fire Marshall Gerald Campbell, Fire Marshall William Lewis, Firefighter Milton Salmon, Firefighter Justin Cusson, Firefighter Kevin Mullings, Firefighter Orlin Melendez, Lieutenant Ted McGhie and Community Outreach Officer, Captain Vincent Jaunai.

Others Present: Attorney Kevin Deneen and Officer Zachary

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Commissioner Marzouca-Jaunai and a moment of silence was observed.

Discussion and Anticipated action to approve meeting minutes of December 27, 2021, Special District and Special Commissioners meeting: Commissioner Marzouca asked for motion to approve the minutes from Monday, December 27, 2021 Special District and Special Commissioners meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Donna Banks, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Marzouca Jaunai and carried unanimously by voice votes.

Chief's Reports: Fire Chief, Willie Jones stated there were 47 Incidents for the month of November and 37 Incidents for the month of December. There were no major incidents reported in our District. BHFD did respond to Bloomfield Center for a couple of Structural fires. Also, for the month of November there were 2 very small cooking fires. Chief reported BHFD finished OSHA compliance.

Training: Chief Jones stated training will be suspended until further notice due to COVID 19. BHFD has several trainings in the works for calendar year 2022. Chief reported two Firefighters completed portion of Fire Fighter 1 training, Captain Jaunai, passed Instructor 1 class and Trainer Officer Charles Jackson passed State Certified Safety. Two additional Firefighters are currently enrolled in Firefighter One Class.

House Report: Chief Jones reported BHFD extended the bids on the renovation project until the end of January. The lighting project is currently in progress. Chief stated BHFD is currently in receipt of the battery-operated tools and they are in full service - Ram, Spreader and Cutter.

Fire Marshal's Report: Fire Marshall Bill Lewis stated during the past month, FMO completed 20 inspections, 28 Plan Reviews, 4 environmental studies, 14 meetings and 3 fire investigations. Fire Marshall Lewis reported his office has completed all state mandated training. He also reported that three new businesses would be coming to the Blue Hills Fire District.

Director of Finance and Administration's Report: Finance Director Errol Bartley stated that, we have completed 6 months in the Fiscal Year and our financials are in good standing. There were no questions for the Finance Director.

Community Outreach Report: Captain Vincent Jaunai sent a warm thanks to all the members who participated in the distribution of COVID 19 Test kits and N95 Masks on January 4, 2022. There were approximately 2,000 vehicles that came through.

Department Concerns/Good Welfare: Commissioner Ariel Marzouca Jaunai welcomed new Blue Hills Fire District Attorney Kevin Deneen. Commissioner Marzouca Jaunai states Deputy Fire Marshall Gerald Campbell will be retiring from the BHFD on January 22, 2022. He has been with BHFD for 20 years, and thanked him on behalf of the Blue Hills Fire District, for his years of dedication and support.

Citizen Statements/Comments: None

Payment of Invoices and Vouchers: Commissioner Banks made a motion to pay all invoices and vouchers. Motion seconded and carried.

Adjournment: Motion made by Commissioner Banks to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marzouca Jaunai. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara Taylor

District Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: February 2, 2022