

Blue Hills Fire District

1021 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Date: Wednesday, September 1st, 2021

Time: 7pm

Board Members Present: Commissioner Ariel Marzouca-Jaunai, Commissioner Donna Banks. Also, present were Chief Willie Jones, Director of Finance Errol Bartley, Fire Marshall William Lewis, Firefighter Fred Nelson, Deputy Fire Marshall Tirrell Cox, Captain Robert Shuler and Community Outreach Officer, Lieutenant Vincent Jaunai.

Absent: Commissioner Sheray McDowell.

Others Present: Detective Lionel Rodriguez

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Commissioner Marzouca-Jaunai and a moment of silence was observed.

Discussion and Anticipated Action regarding approval of the minutes from the Special Commissioner's meeting held on August 25, 2021: Commissioner Marzouca-Jaunai asked for motion to approve the special meeting minutes from Wednesday, August 25, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Donna Banks, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Marzouca-Jaunai and carried unanimously by voice votes.

Chief Report: Fire Chief Willie Jones reported that for the August, there were 51 calls for services. We were dispatched to Seabury several times for their sprinkler system. Chief Jones invited OSHA to inspect the BHFD to ensure we are in compliance - OSHA rated the BHFD as 85 – 95% in compliance, they will be back in October to do a follow-up.

Question: Commissioner Marzouca-Jaunai asked Chief Jones did he contact OSHA.

Response: Chief Jones stated yes.

We have 2 Firefighter enrolled in the Fire one class; Chief Jones also stated that the rescue tools are on order, and they should arrive at headquarters soon.

Fire Marshall's Report: Fire Marshall William Lewis reported that he reviewed 2 fire investigations, one on Banfield Lane and another on Coventry Street. In addition, he also inspected a Day Care at 1154 Blue Hill Avenue, it was not approved, the Bloomfield Learning Center inspection was approved and Certificate of Occupancy at 52 Granby Street was approved. Fire Marshall Lewis also stated that he will meet with the building officials/owners of 31 Tobey Road regarding their on-going renovation and concerns with design proposal. Inspection at the Rehoboth Church Day Care was approved. Fire Marshall Lewis introduced his

new Deputy Fire Marshall, Tirrell Cox. Fire Marshall Lewis Stated that the fire Marshall's Office completed 26 inspections and 30 plan reviews during the month of August. All State mandate reports are in and approved.

Director of Finance and Administration's Report: Finance Director Errol Bartley stated that the financials are in good standing. No questions for the Finance Director.

Question: Commissioner Marzouca Jaunai asked Chief Jones, moving forward, will he be presenting on both the training and house reports, if so, we will combine with the Chiefs report.

Training and House Report: Chief Jones stated 1 Firefighter is currently enrolled in Q2 class, 3 firefighter in training for driving the Apparatus within BHFD. Firefighter Patrick Williams have been cleared to drive Engine 4. Several firefighters participated in a task force disaster drill at Bradley Airport. Chief Jones also stated that there are lots of different training opportunities posted on the training board and hope everyone will take advantage and get involved.

Chief Jones also stated that, we are currently looking into renovations planning for the BHFD. The plans are moving forward to have TV monitors in the bay, with responder app, where a listing of the firefighters who are responding to calls will show and therefore, will give the driver an ETA and wait time for the responders. No questions for the chief.

Community Outreach Report: Lieutenant Jaunai reported that on July 12 – August 12, 2021, the BHFD hosted an intern for a 5-week program. Graduation for the intern was on Friday, August 13, 2021. On August 14, 2021, BHFD hosted its Community Fun Day. On August 21, 2021, Town of Bloomfield hosted their Back to School backpack giveaway. August 27, 2021 BHFD Hosted in conjunction with Save Our Schools, distributed Backpacks and Perdue Chicken. In attendance was over 300 people.

Discussion and Anticipated Action to process payment in the amount of \$1,135.00 for interest for the return of the PPP loan: Commissioner Marzouca Jaunai asked for a motion to process payment in the amount of \$1,135.00. Motion made by Commissioner Donna Banks, Seconded by Commissioner Marzouca Jaunai and carried with voice votes.

Department Concerns/Good Welfare: Fire Marshall Lewis spoke about timecards and who should he report to.

Citizen Statements/Comments: None

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

Discussion and Anticipated Action to move into Executive session with employee to discuss personnel matters: Commissioner Donna Banks made a motion to move into Executive session

with employee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Marzouca Jaunai and carried unanimously by voice votes.

Commissioner Banks and Commissioner Marzouca Jaunai went into Executive session at 7:41 pm. Executive session ended at 8:10 pm.

Adjournment: Motion made by Commissioner Banks to adjourn, Seconded by Commissioner Marzouca Jaunai. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara Taylor

District Clerk/Treasurer

Approved October 6, 2021

Approved