

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2024

President Paul Padua called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The President asked for a moment of silence for our past deceased members.

There were 22 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Todd Miller, Matt Ludwig to accept the Minutes of November 4, 2024.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 44% of the Town Budget.

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, John DeShazo to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

The burn ban has been lifted. The variable message board has been shut down and returned to the town garage.

So everyone is aware, we received an FIO request for the MVA/Fire in the area of 444 Greenwoods Rd West. An after-action review will be in the next 2 weeks.

At said MVA it was discovered we need a new tarp for rescue equipment. The current one is being held together with duct tape. Asking for a motion not to exceed \$45

Because of the state of the current budget, we need to bring all training fund requests to the department. We would like to send two members to Fire Instructor I. Total is \$860 so I would like a motion to spend out of department funds, with trustee approval.

Our busy PR time of year is upon us. Please attend and help if you are able. Many hands go a long way. We do not want to see any of these events go away, nor do we want to overwork our members.

December 19th at The Hub our NVFD Santa will be entertaining the masses.

Training this month will be C1 with guest speakers

M/S/P Brian Hutchins, John DeShazo to spend up to \$45.00 to replace the tarp on E40 to come from Department Funds

M/S/P Judy Ludwig, Steven Hutchins to spend \$860.00 to send two members to FF Instructor I training, to come from Department Funds, pending Trustee approval.

Car 2:

Moving ahead with the Red Alert software.
Frank Johns from MES coming next week.
New program for NFPA air packs, training will be coming, will be ordered

Car 3:

Car at the farm to train on.
Other trainings coming up.
If anything is broken or needs repair, let Steven know

Car 4:

Traffic lights went up on Rte. 44, Blackberry Street has been shut down at Rte. 44

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

No Report

Public Relations:

No Report

Fire Marshall:

Solar fields are fully energized and live. Hopefully will get some training regarding them.
Icebox Café is open, fire alarm is active, Knox box will be installed.

Mechanics:

All the pumps are drained.

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

Thanks members of House Committee who served hot chocolate, cider and donuts at the tree lighting.

- **Fund Raising:**

Breakfast with Santa, help needed at 6:00 to help peel potatoes and set up. 6:30 am Saturday morning help is needed. Breakfast from 7-10 am.

Need someone to pick up tree at Terrel's at 3:00 pm on Friday

Thanks for help with truck decorating for Tree lighting.

Veterans tree \$686. Was received, check was sent to Veterans Services in Torrington.

Karaoke night at the Pub, raised \$1432.00 cash, plus some Venmo and Credit Card sales.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

Meets on Dec. 5, 2024 at Town Hall. Thanks to everyone who has contributed with comments and suggestions. They have been forwarded to the architect.

Waiting on word from Congressional funds, should hear on Dec. 19. Approx. 1.5 million from Johanna Haynes office. Then booklet will be sent to everyone in town, there will be another Hub talk with slide show to better show the public the need for a new firehouse.

- **Anniversary Committee**

No Report

- **Truck Committee**

Met with a vendor on Friday.

- **By-Law Committee**

No Report

Correspondence:

Gator Parade in Winsted

Light Parade in New Hartford on Dec. 7 at 5:30

Old Business:

Exterior Officer Vacancy. No nominations

New Business:

Calling hours for Ken Towle, will be Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024, from 1-3 pm

Matt showed 2 polo shirts to be used for uniforms, shirts are around \$65.00 each, made of polyester, no ironing, don't need to be dry cleaned. Decision will be made next meeting.

To get traffic light activated, make sure the siren is running as soon as you leave the firehouse, it will start to activate the light, make sure to wait until the light changes to green before proceeding. Any cars in front of truck at the light, will go through the light first.

Paul had a show and tell of a 1993 Road race shirt, and an old fire parking only sign from the original building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary