

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 9, 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 23 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Todd Miller to accept the Minutes of August 5, 2024.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 18% of the Town Budget

M/S/P John DeShazo Richard Byrne to accept the Treasurer's Report.

M/S/P Steven, John DeShazo to spend up to \$700.00 to pay for additional training that has taken place to come from department funds, with Trustee approval.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

-Well done everyone! Especially our five call day very recently

-Please wear your NVFD issued PPE. We paid good money for the stuff. Let us wear it unless we are doing station coverage or pumping out a cellar.

-Sept 11 at 1800 will be a ceremony at the memorial. Still looking for clergy

-Norfolk Car 1,2, or 3 should be the members responding to the scene of an emergency. If you have your gear in your POV and must drive past the incident you can stop to render aid. Getting the proper apparatus to the scene should be a goal of any call.

-Sept 13 is the birthday fire truck ride from the silent auction with 20,30, and 100 involved

-Sept 14th banquet postponed to a date in October. Will now be October 18th at 1800.

-Sept 21 Falls Village parade & firework stand by. S20, B50, U70, E90, T100 are needed. Other trucks can go if we have drivers and personnel. Would like a motion to spend up to \$150 to feed the standby crew.

-Sept 12 Car2 and I are going to Winsted center station for an MSA air pack demo and sales pitch. This is to figure out the best path to take with the AFG grant award. Any member is welcome to attend.

-We met with the homeowner of 171 Schoolhouse rd. We will be burning a barn down, date to be determined. Late October or November

-430 North St has approached us to fill a pond. It would be a large mutual aid tanker operation. Stay tuned.

-Drills this month: Special detail on the 16th and 23rd ALL HELP IS NEEDED

-Bruey Rd dry hydrant has been tampered with. Please keep an eye on it if you are in the area. Not reported to CSP unless it happens again.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Ron Zanobi to spend up to \$150.00 for food for fireworks standby in Falls Village.

Car 2:

AFG Grant

Switch over from ESO to Red Alert, Red Alert is buying NVFD out of old contract, we do have our old data

Car 3:

Got the bill for Engine , tires on E40 have been changed. Tanker has been repaired. Mechanics till look int final repairs E 40.

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

EMS Captain:

No Report

Public Relations:

No Report

Fire Marshall:

Oct 8 at Botelle School, fire prevention, 8:00 am, presentation to kids, anyone available see John DeShazo

Mechanics:

No Report

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, John DeShazo to spend up to \$100.00 to replenish supplies

- **Fund Raising:**

Need volunteers to sit in front of Berkshire Store to sell shirts, not going well since there is no Farmers Market, maybe have to just do online next year, not a lot of opportunities to sell to public

- **Insurance Committee**

Insurance company questioned where payment was, we never received a June invoice, but it has now been paid

- **Building Committee**

Next meeting will be Sept. 11 after the ceremony at the Firehouse. Will be doing some test boring. They have hired a construction manager.

Brochure for Capital campaign is being finalized

Reached out for another ASG grant for firehouse as supplemental warming center. All information has been turned over to Matt Riiska to apply.

- **Anniversary Committee**

Silent Auction brought in \$9,224.36 which is more than last year.

- **Truck Committee**

Members met with another truck vendor. There will be another meeting with Gowen's & Knight in the future, then there will be another truck committee meeting.

- **By-Law Committee**

Committee will meet, date to be determined.

Correspondence:

Thank you cards from two scholarship recipients.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Time of Annual meeting has been at 7:30, want to move it to 7:00 to align with other meeting times.

M/S/P John DeShazo, Jon Barbagallo to hold all future annual Meetings for elections at 7:00 pm. One no vote.

Paul would like to decorate the 911 monument with flowers

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Todd Miller to spend up to \$100.00 to purchase flowers for the monument to come from department funds.

Paul brought up doing a Red/White/Blue tree to collect funds to be donated to Veteran cause. Would be placed in the hub. Would be during Oct. to Nov11, to purchase a tree, and lights, and then taken to Botelle School for their ceremony. Information would be placed on social media to encourage people to donate (whatever they want)

M/S/P Brian Hutchins, Todd Miller to spend up to \$150.00 to purchase tree and lights. To come from department funds.

At the Annual banquet, "The 3 Chiefs Award" will be given.

M/S/P Brian Hutchins, Judy Ludwig to spend up to \$280.00 for an award plaque, to come from department funds.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary