

Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the City of Cortland Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 5:16p.m. By Chair Bonnie Heath.

Commission members present include, Chair Bonnie Heath, Vice Chair Paul Quinlan, Commissioner Dale Saddlemire, Commissioner Bill Starr

Excused: Commission Chris Hotchkiss and Fire Chief Charles Glover

Present at the meeting: Deputy Fire Chief Wayne Friedman, FF Greg Maxwell, and BOE Secretary Chris Hines

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Quinlan seconded by Commissioner Saddlemire to approve the February 2019 meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Starr Seconded by Commissioner Quinlan to approve the February 2019 Paid Staff sick report.

Deputy Chief Wayne Friedman Report:

- New Engine "204" arrived at HQ for Final Inspection for 4-5 days, everyone had a chance to look over new engine and offer advice on any changes they think would be helpful, Engine went back for final touches. Should be complete in 2 weeks and back at our station for good.
- Fire Chief has received a Retirement letter from FF Mike Sweeney. His intent to retire is May 30, 2019. Fire Chief currently working with our Mayor for his replacement.
- FF for a Day had been changed to "Youth Fire Expo" and hosted as 1 day 9-3pm at Sugget Park. Free Community event for the whole family, will continue to provide station as we did in the past.
- Received and install an Air Exhaust system (Plymovent) in HQ Bays. This system is 100% capture of exhaust fumes from engines. System is moveable if need be. Purchase was made possible by grant funds, and seems to be working great.

BOE Report:

- Renovation project at the Armory has stalled for the last few weeks as individual schedules have not been working, plane to get back on track soon spring comes.
- Fire Police will be hosting a Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner, March 30, 2019 6-8:00PM.

Volunteer Updates:

- D. Brown currently reached her 3 month status with Cortland Fire. Is attending the Basic Exterior Fire Ops (FALL BEFO) class. She is doing well.
- Isaiah Oaks currently reached his 6 month status with Cortland Fire. He attends all training he can, currently taking EMT courses on his own, participating in many department events. He is doing very well at this time.
- Currently have had 5 New Volunteers with in the past Year, and 9 New Volunteers with in the past 18 Months.

Old Business:

- Code/Electrician Thomas Tobin has pulled 90% of Box Alarms out of service. We are still currently working with the Mayor and Historical Society to see what is our next for the box alarms as far as removal.
- State Fire Chief Show will be held June 2019, this year the entire event will be at the Syracuse, NY On-center. Please advise Deputy Chief Friedman if you are interested in attending.

Moved by Commissioner Hotchkiss, seconded by Commissioner Quinlan to adjourn the meeting at 5:54p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
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