

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting**

Thursday, July 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the City of Cortland Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 5:15p.m. By Chair Bonnie Heath.

Commission members present include, Chair Bonnie Heath, Vice Chair Paul Quinlan, Commissioner Chris Hotchkiss, and Commissioner Dale Saddlemire. Commissioner Bill Starr was excused

Present at the meeting: Chief of the Department Charles Glover, FF Greg Maxwell, and BOE Secretary Christopher Hines

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Commissioner Quinlan Seconded by Commissioner Saddlemire to approve the June 2019 Paid Staff sick report. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Chief Charles Glover Report:

- Spoke to the Mayor about D/C Knickerbocker's retirement, he stated that we should put it on the agenda to request the position be filled. It didn't go well and was tabled. I called each Council member and received mixed reviews about filling it with a D/C position. It was put back on the agenda but pulled it that night due to several Council members being absent. Will be on the agenda for the August 6th meeting. Chairman Heath inquired about the neighboring departments staffing. Chief stated its hard to compare as we all have different demographics.
- 2019/2020 budget talks with the finance director, not looking good. Has everyone worried about tax shortfall? Looking to cut 2% from all departments. Looks like rough times ahead.
- The apparatus has been going in and out of service for repairs. 203 should be back by the end of the week from structural repairs. 201 will go out for warranty paint repair when 203 is back in service.
- The Youth Fire Expo will be July 20th at Suggett Park.

BOE Report:

- We are in the process of moving the storage cabinets back in.

Volunteer Updates:

- Christian Vianos had his six months review last night. Doing well. He is doing a weekly shift on the EMS fly car.
- 2 more have completed orientation.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Commissioner Quinlan noticed in the paper that a Paid Ithaca Firefighter passed away. She was a past volunteer with Cortland.

Moved by Commissioner Saddlemire, seconded by Commissioner Quinlan to adjourn the meeting at 5:40p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Christopher Hines, Acting Secretary