

# Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

Thursday, August 9, 2018

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 and Commissioner Chris Hotchkiss

Present at the meeting: Fire Chief Charles Glover, D/C Wayne Friedman, BOE Secretary Chris Hines  
Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Hotchkiss seconded by Commissioner Starr to approve the July 2018 meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Quinlan Seconded by Commissioner Hotchkiss to approve the July 2018 Paid Staff sick report.

## **Reports:**

**Fire Commissioners gave a special thank you to the firefighters who assisted with the build of the new rescue. Appreciated those who traveled down to do a final inspection at E-One and then sorting out the detail of compartment and such before final acceptance of the apparatus. Thank you Capt. Pierce, FF D. Contri, FF T. Marshall and FF D. Reynolds for your time and effort.**

## **Fire Chief's Report:**

- New Engine is progressing in its build at E-One facility in Florida. Will be shipped to Hamburg NY for final build and is expected to be delivered Nov 2018.
- Rescue truck build, final stage of tool mounting. Truck at Jerome Fire now for modification that needed to be done on some of the compartments. Truck should be complete and to the station tomorrow 8/10/18.
- 2019 Preliminary budget has been sent from Mack Cook. Fire Departments budget numbers look good at this point, Fire Chief will review and work through a budget that meets the current needs as envisioned for efficient operational requirements. Will advise the commission as the budget process progresses.
- New NYS Cancer bill is still a question for the fire service. We will continue to investigate the implications and requirements need to cover our volunteer staff. Preliminary estimates are that the cancer coverage will cost \$250 per interior volunteer. The firefighter cancer coverage will be mandated by the new law effective January 2019 for all certified interior volunteer firefighters.
- FF for a Day camp was a great success. The 1<sup>st</sup> day was rained out and rescheduled for a scaled down version on August 4th. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day went well and everyone enjoyed all the activities. FF Derek Reynolds did a lot of work to make this event successful, Thank You FF Derek Reynolds.

## **BOE Report:**

- Company 3 & 6 Annual Clam Bake this Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> at Yaman Park.

## **Volunteer Updates:**

- New Volunteer Applicant-Pavel Androshchuk who was a previous active member of the fire dept. but resigned due to a move out of the City. He has recently moved back into the City of Cortland and would like to be an active member again, Fire Chief has asked that we just reinstate him and update his training.

Moved by Commissioner Starr Seconded by Commissioner Saddlemire to accept per the Fire Chief's recommendation for reinstatement with a probation term.

## **Old Business:**

- Municipal fire alarm boxes are mostly taken down with T. Tobin diligently working on removing pedestal fire alarm locations
- LOSAP progressing well- McNeil will be our agent for LOSAP. The actual fund management will be conducted by Penflex group. We are of the opinion that this will be very beneficial for our volunteer staff.
- Window Grant project for the Fire Station is still moving forward, this project won't be starting until next year due to the fall being almost upon us.

## **New Business:**

- The old fire telephone line is no longer being used since the incorporation of the 911 phone number. We have put a public notice out in newspaper advising the 756-5611 number will be terminated 9/1/18.
- The 9/11 Memorial that the city has been working on will have an unveiling ceremony on Tuesday 9/11 at 8:30am, The Cortland Fire Department will have a role in the ceremony and requesting as many personal as we can to be in attendance for the ceremony honoring all fallen emergency responders of the 9/11 tragedy.

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