

Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 2016

The meeting of the City of Cortland Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 5:15 p.m. There were not enough commissioners present to conduct official business. The meeting continued for informational purposes without any official action of the commission.

Commission members present include Chair Bonnie Heath and Commissioner William Wood. Commissioner Quinlan, Commissioner Hotchkiss and Commissioner Starr have been excused from this meeting.

Also present were Fire Chief Charles Glover, Firefighter Greg Maxwell (BOE President), Deputy Chief Wayne Friedman, Todd Simmons, Joe O'Mara, Derek Reynolds and Andrea Piedigrossi

Pledge of Allegiance.

July 2016 Meeting Minutes- **Tabled**

July 2016 Sick Leave Report- **Tabled**

Reports:

Fire Chief reported on the following:

- Met with Company Consolidation Committee everyone working on a consolidation plan, not many questions for Fire Chief at this time.
- 22 Court St. Fire was a near miss, everything was done in timely manner, caused by Charcoal discarded improperly
- 13 Court. St. Fire was a Fan malfunction, rapid conditions, lots of smoke damage, everyone safe and church is doing clean up now.
- Summer Boot Camp went well, Mitchell Gosser (new approved volunteer) graduated and is due well
- Working on an agreement with the County for HazMat response
- Provided vacant properties information for Mack Cook as he is preparing reports for a grant for City to assist with the various vacant properties. (Code Office)

Volunteer Updates:

- Todd Simmons present for 9 month Review-Firefighter Simmons is doing well, and is enjoying his time as a member of City of Cortland Fire Dept.
- Paul Holl is a reinstatement and is unable to attend, per J. O'Mara - doing very well
- Spoke with Cody Levins still interested and willing to get physical and advise J. O'Mara or Capt. Pierce ASAP to continue on.
- Kevin Morrison (recent approved volunteer) attending fall boot camp, bunking at fire station for 5 days to accomplish boot camp as he is a SUNY Cortland student
- Anthony Malmquist recent bunker graduate, would like to become a volunteer now that he has moved to Cortland, great asset to our fire dept. Requesting approval

Old Business: Firefighter for a Day Camp Results

- Firefighter for a Day very successful, D. Reynolds reports 1st day 140 participants, 2nd day 120 participants, lots of help from career, volunteer and surrounding county fire departments, thank you everyone.
- Great Community Support, residents would like to be able to accommodate more children
- D. Reynolds and A. Piedigrossi have been receiving request from other counties and states asking them how they run the program (firefighter for a day camp)
- 100% donations from all Volunteer Companies-thank you

New Business: Firefighter/Union President Derek Reynolds

- Fire Chief and Firefighters came together to provide lunch for community members that attend loaves and fishes after the fire at the Church left the kitchen and dining facility unusable.
- Movie under the stars is going great, 8/10/16 had 450 people attend. Thanks to BOE for lending Popcorn Maker as a Back up to supply to the crowd
- Applied for Fire Prevention Grant, per chief result looking good, most of funds will assist with Firefighter for a day camp

Respectfully Submitted by:

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