

Deep River Board of Fire Commissioners

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April 8, 2020

The April 6, 2020 meeting was as a Zoom meeting. It was attended by Budney, Kerop, Tim Lee, Dube, Tom Lee, Bowden, David, J. Olson, A. McDonald, and B. Eckenroth.

The April 6, 2020 Deep River Fire Commission meeting began at 7:03. The minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting were accepted with the following corrections: Budney and Kerop will try to go through the grants and write them themselves; Under Fire Marshal's report, it should state, When this is completed. Moved by Davis, 2nd Lee. Unan.

Financial Statement seem to look good. Repairs on 5-7-1 were okayed by Tom Lee.
There were extra fees for disinfectant supplies. Other bills were normal.

The Chief reports they have backed own on Department meetings and the Community breakfasts. Members are still cleaning, but not lingering around the Firehouse anymore.

The Deputy reported they received new air bags and struts, but have not put them into service yet.
Grants for SCBAs went out with help from Kerop. They put in for 29 pieces. They also put in for some other grants.

Engineer reports a complete reprogram of the radio system has been completed. This is needed to update the Valley Shore' new radio frequencies.
The boat needs to get ready for spring.
The Aerial truck needs to be inspected.

The Fire Marshal said he received directives concerning his position, and new guidelines, regular inspections have been put on hold for now, unless immediate attention is required.
He is still working on a web based system for tracking purposes.
He has a few CO follow ups to perform.

The Chairman reports the Building Committee met one time. Corrections have been done. And he is looking at new apparatus.

Under Old Business, Budney asked about the outdated internet service at the Firehouse. McDonald said he would work with the Department to get the service changed to Comcast.

McDonald thanked Kerop for stepping up to help with the grant writing, and continuing to work in a safe manor with his new guidelines.

There was a lengthy discussion on the budget and money the Fire Commission requested. He would like to delay the purchase of a new truck until September. Budney said this had already been delayed a year already, and replacing two more trucks is coming up also. There was some talk about combining the new truck and building together to get a better rate. Tim Lee questioned what would happen if both were not accepted in a referendum. McDonald said they could be split at that time. Budney asked if it should go in as a Capital Expenditure for this year. Eckenroth stated the Town knows the need for these improvements. Tim Lee asked if it could be carried over, and thinks it could be harder to sell in September due to how the economy is now. McDonald said money for a new truck is already in the budget. The Firehouse will need to go to referendum in the Fall.

David said there was no Incentive Program meeting, but they were planning to have one.

There was no Other Business.

This meeting adjourned at 8:07. Moved by Bowden, 2nd, Budney. Unan.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth Thompson".

Clerk