

**BLUE HILLS FIRE DISTRICT
MEETING OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
LOCATION: 1021 BLUE HILLS AVENUE
BLOOMFIELD, CT
WEDNESDAY, March 6, 2019
@ 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:01 p.m. and a moment of silence was observed.

PRESENT: Present at the meeting was Chief Willie Jones, Chair Ariel Marzouca Jaunai, Vice Chair Jacqueline Massey Greene, Commissioner Mark Manson, Fire Marshal Bill Lewis, Lieutenant Vincent Jaunai, Director of Finance and Administration Errol Bartley and District Clerk Valda Thompson.

Vice Chair Massey Greene made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manson. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief's Report:

The BHFD had 45 calls in the month of February until the present, nothing significant. The year to date total is 100 calls. High points were hazardous conditions, accidents, water problems and false alarms. Chief Jones mentioned the upgrade of the Radio System with the Bloomfield Center Fire Department. The District decided to stay with the UHS system with Goosetown, which will make significant changes to make the system bigger and better. Chief Jones also stated he will be meeting with the Commissioners and the Finance Director to decide on funding for the upgrade to the Radio System.

For additional information, please refer to the Chief's monthly report.

FIRE MARSHAL' S REPORT:

Fire Marshall Lewis inspected 330 Park Avenue with minor issue problems. The Senior Center is schedule for final inspection on April 22, 2019. Fire Marshall Lewis met with the Operator of 1095 Blue Hills Avenue about a new hood. The old JM Ney building is being converted into a storage area.

For additional information, please refer to Fire Marshal's Report.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Errol Bartley stated that the District's finances are in good standing.

TRAINING REPORT: Chief Jones stated online training is in the works for the District.

HOUSE CAPTAIN'S REPORT: none

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT: Lieutenant Jaunai stated the District met with student at the Carmen Arace School for interaction regarding jobs of 1st Responders.

The Committee for Celebrate Bloomfield met on February 22, next meeting will be March 7th, BHFD will be participating.

BHFD will do a Fire Safety presentation at Seabury, currently awaiting date and time.

Educational Fun Day will be June 15, 2019 and the Back to School Fair will take place in August.

Please refer to the Outreach's monthly report.

DEPARTMENT CONCERNS /GOOD WELFARE

Vice Chair Massey Greene made a motion to donate \$250.00 to The American Lung Association. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manson. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Marzouca Jaunai read the letter of the Kitten Rescue from a citizen of the The Blue Hills Fire District to the public.

Chair Marzouca Jaunai thanked Chief Willie Jones, Lt. Vincent Jaunai, FF Kevin Harrell, FF Jevonie Welcome, FF Milton Salmon and Finance Director Errol Bartley for serving dinner at Former Commissioner Hughes' repast.

Commissioner Manson stated that he has confirmed the date with the grant writer and a Special Commissioner's meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th @ 6:00 p.m.

CITIZEN STATEMENTS/COMMENTS: Numerous questions were asked in reference to electing a treasurer as a ceremonial position and stipend amount, the Chief's stipend, agenda and renting of the hall. There were Suggestions to have a published document of actions that have been taken by the Commissioners. Joan Gamble acknowledged the presence of the Fire District in full uniform at Former Commissioner Jerry Hughes' Service and was very pleased.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES AND VOUCHERS: Vice Chair Massey Greene made a motion to pay invoices and vouchers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manson. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Vice Chair Massey Greene to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manson. The motion carried unanimously.

Please note the next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2019