

TOWN of RIDGEFIELD – FIRE COMMISSION
Meeting – September 27, 2023 – 6:30 pm
Town Hall Large Conference Room, 400 Main Street

UNREVISED/UNAPPROVED MINUTES

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

In attendance: R. Marconi, B. Hebert, M. Kozlark, Chief Jerry Myers

Absent: B Manners

Agenda

1. Facilities Report
2. Vehicle & Equipment Status
3. Personnel
4. Budget Status

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm

1. Facilities Report

The Fire Commission discussed the cost of extra work needed at Station 2. Update on the Sprinkler installation.

2. Vehicle & Equipment Status

All vehicles have been routinely tested. Truck 8 still needs a ladder test. The Fire Commission was given a copy of the CT Statewide Model Plan reviewing maintenance and remediation of Toxic Substances on Turn out Gear for review. A lengthy discussion ensued about turnout gear and PFAs. This Chemical is found in turnout gear and the discussion was about reducing the amount of time our personnel spend wearing their turnout gear. Obviously, during fires, this is a necessity, but wearing this gear on all responses may need to be adjusted.

Tentative dates were given for the arrival of a new ambulance, a mini pumper, and two new Pierce Fire Trucks. The Mini Pumper, originally a doge cab and chassis has been canceled and a new Ford F550 was ordered through Pierce located in Patterson New York. The hope is that this update will expedite the delivery of this vehicle.

3. Personnel

The department currently has two (2) firefighters in training attending the Fire academy. The Fire Commission was handed the Cancer Prevention Policy & the Initial Emergency Operations Procedures. for their review.

4. Budget Status

Chief Myers gave an update on the department's budget. A new ambulance will be needed around March 2025.

R. Hebert moved and S Connelly seconded the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:25 pm. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted, Amy Escibano