

**THE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 12, 2024
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT**

PRESENT: Chairman Phil Weber, Commissioners Paul Latuso, William Koran ,Terry Koch and Jim Clark.
Chief Tom Smalling, 2nd Asst. Chief William Sherer, Sr. Firehouse Attendant John McKenna.

ABSENT: 1ST Asst. Chief Dan Cross

Meeting Called To Order At 6:00 PM.

Minutes From The October 15, 2024 Meeting Approved.

Fire Warrant Approved In The Amount Of \$1,320.00.

Chief Smalling:

Blood Drive will be on Thursday, December 26, 2024.

Santa Run will be Saturday, December 21, 2024.

Adult Christmas Party At Firehouse is Saturday, December 7 and the Children's Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 8, 2024.

The Pearl Harbor Remembrance will be on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

Christmas Tree Lighting is Friday, November 29, 2024.

Tom suggest use of First Aid Room for the EMTs.

Discussed adding annual physicals as a requirement in the upcoming budget.

New York State Fire Center has asked fire departments to help with wildfires upstate to work eight hour shifts.

William Sherer:

Request a gas can for the 2-9-4 vehicle-**APPROVED.**

Terry Koch:

Ambulance scheduled to arrive by February 2025.

Truck Committee will begin preparing for purchase of a Rescue Truck which is about a two-year process.

William Koran:

He will check to see if there are Grants available and report at the December monthly meeting.

Pick up truck should be moved from Station One to the Firehouse.

Racks at Station One are too close to equipment and suggest they be moved.

John McKenna:

Gave his monthly report. Please see attachment.

Meeting Adjourned At 7:00 PM.

Next Meeting Is Scheduled For Tuesday, December 10, 2024 At 6:00 PM.

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Report submitted by John McKenna –

- There were 4 work orders received in the month of October. 3 are complete and 1 is pending.
- As reported last month, Tower Ladder 297 was sent to Firematic for repairs. Those repairs are complete and the truck has been test driven w/o any noted problems. We've yet to receive an invoice for the work done.
- All of the hand tools and associated accessories requested for Engine 294 have been purchased and placed in service.
- Waterway has completed the annual truck weights as per NFPA recommendations. All vehicles are within operating limits and pass.
- Frank Lau has completed requested repairs to firefighter turnout gear.
- All vehicles have had the NYS DMV motor vehicle inspection. All have passed inspection.
- The Village has addressed the rat problem in the rear parking lot's dumpster enclosure.
- Headquarters' Panasonic phone system went down over the weekend. The system requires a new incoming line card and an additional transfer card. Two service companies have reported that Panasonic is no longer in the telephone business and parts for our 22-year-old system are hard to locate. One of the companies was able to locate the parts currently needed and will make the necessary repairs in the next couple of days. Estimates for a replacement system have been requested and will be presented at a future meeting for consideration.
- Our portion of the 2025-2026 budget preparation is complete. I've left all line items associated with our use at a zero percent increase. There is a contractually mandated 3% increase on the salary line. Discussion will be required on items being repaired out of our budget lines that perhaps should be coming out of the Village's capital expense line.
- The Chief has permanently relocated Engine 293 to Station 1 and it has a second due assignment out of that location. The assignment has required repositioning of the light boat and several of the turnout gear racks. In addition, the new utility truck 2911 has been moved outside to the parking lot with the duck boat atop.
- The fire boat 2926 has been relocated to Britannia Yachting Center (slip D47) while Seymour's removes the floating docks for the winter. Within the next 2 weeks, 2926 will be dry docked for the winter. When that happens, we will notify the US Coast Guard and the Huntington Harbormaster of same.
- I will be away upstate on vacation beginning Thursday, November 14th and will return to work Monday, November 25th. In my absence, Assistant Head Houseman Matt Cambria will be available.