

THE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 13, 2021
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT

PRESENT: Chairman Phil Weber, Commissioners Jim Hall, Tony Graziano, Paul Latuso,
1st Asst. Chief Doug Pyne, 2nd Asst. Chief Thomas Smalling.

ABSENT: Commissioner Jim Clark, Chief Dennis Sheridan, Houseman Larry Wine

Meeting Called To Order At 7:00 PM.

Minutes From The June 8, 2021 Meeting Approved

No Fire Warrant For Approval.

Lead Paramedic Tom McCarthy attended to update Commissioners regarding the Paramedic Program. He shared a flyer that was being distributed to recruit Paramedics. He has sixteen now and would like a roster of 25 to solve the problem of coverage gaps.

He will provide two paramedics for the Cow Harbor Race on Saturday, September 18.

Tom with recommendation from the Chiefs office will be meeting with Dr. Jack Gefken, the Rescue Officers and Larry Wine to discuss the latest inspection report on the ambulances.

Dr. Gefken has agreed to continue as the Medical Director for the Fire Department.

Chief Thomas Smalling for Chief Sheridan:

- Follow-up request to secure the entrance doors at headquarters between 22:00 hours and 07:00 hours each day. Station 1 exterior doors are always secured.
- Chief's office continuing to receive complaints that member's pagers not alerting for alarms. Board suggests refer this problem to Roland Buzard, Village Administrator.
- Request that automatic fire alarm signals/bells received between 20:00 hours and 22:00 hours be changed to an earlier or later time due to disruption to the department ,company and squad meetings. Board approves that request.
- The Chief's office exploring the feasibility of sharing paramedic coverage with neighboring Departments during the overnight shift 22:00 to 06:00 hours. This is the slowest time for EMS alarms and accounts for 4,380 hours annually. With the shortage of experienced paramedics, this maybe a viable option. Paramedics can be scheduled to earlier shifts decreasing the open time periods.
- Chiefs will be meeting with the Huntington Town Coordinator on Thursday, July 15 at 9:30AM regarding the recent water rescue fatality in Northport.
- There will be an Octoberfest event on Saturday, October 2.
- Follow-up on outstanding invoice from All American Uniform for seven uniforms purchased. Janet Price, Secretary will check on this with Laura Kaplan, Deputy Treasurer.
- Proposal from Island Tech to add two licenses for Commercial Office 365. This is needed for the Hook & Ladder Company officers' computer. Request payment. Board suggests check with Larry Wine for the invoice.
- Installation of trunk capable mobile radios is three-quarters complete by Integrated Wireless Technologies who are doing an excellent job. Trunk radios in the apparatus are set to transmit

on Huntington 1 talk group. The chiefs request the county trunk radio in control room at headquarters always monitor Huntington 1. When communication fails on low band and Ocean Avenue repeater frequencies, the Chiefs, Paramedics and apparatus can use the trunk radio to communicate with dispatch. Board agrees with chiefs and approves request.

Tony Graziano:

Since the Village has been very crowded on the past few weekends, Tony wants to commend The Fire and EMS who have been very busy covering calls.

Meeting Adjourned At 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled For Tuesday, August 17, 2021 At 7:00 PM.