

June 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present were: Bob Patterson, Brendan Molloy, Renee Stanford, Les Elsworth, Jackie Kreiner, Cory Sanford, Chris Strain, Ryan Schader, Patty Murray, Rhonda Fairbanks, Arthur Roush, Maureen Roush. Absent: Brian Franklin, Sherri Cohen

The minutes from 05-19-25 were read and approved. Brendan motioned to accept. Seconded by Renee with four yes, one absent, was carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The 5-24 boot drive and 6-14 pancake breakfast were cancelled. The board will wait until July's meeting for the chief's report before approving any further fundraisers.

Training report: TOAC (Task Oriented Air Consumption) training – fire suppression, SCBA emergency procedures; a work night report was submitted (truck and equipment checks). Desiree Strain will take the next IFO course when offered. Rob Stone passed his IFO course which ended 6-07. Pump operations still on schedule for 6-23.

The VEX speaker mics have been ordered.

Desiree Strain submitted membership application for the following individuals: Maureen Roush (will be support), Arthur Roush (is interior). Their Code of Ethics/sexual harassment sign off, DMV report and drug test results have been completed. Their physicals need to be completed. Brendan motioned to approve the new members. Seconded by Les with four yes, one absent, was carried.

Fire Advisory Council: no update until July

Share service fuel agreement: report for January thru May was submitted.

CALL LOG

05-01-25 ME**

05-05-25 ME** 1@

05-03-25 Standby mutual aid – Norwich (6)

05-15-25 Open burn (1)

05-17-25 ME**

05-21-25 ME x3 (two**); (one cancelled)

05-26-25 MVA (cancelled) 4@

(**denotes no response)

() denotes # of personnel who responded

(@) denotes # of personnel at station

TREASURER'S REPORT

Les motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Brendan with four yes, one absent, was carried. The board reviewed the following bank statements: General Fund dated 04-14 thru 05-13-25, General Fund Checking dated 05-01 thru 31-25, M&T money market statement dated 05-01 thru 31-25 (closeout statement), M&T maintenance fund statement dated 05-01 thru 31-25 (closeout statement), Community capital fund statement dated 05-15 thru 06-01-25, Community maintenance fund statement dated 05-15 thru 06-01-25. Both M&T accounts have successfully been moved to Community Bank. Les motioned to pay bills on Abstract #492 totaling \$4153.83, which includes payment to the secretary of \$299 and \$299 to the treasurer for the months of January thru June. Seconded by Brendan with four yes, one absent, was carried. WEX gas card svcs. – cost \$27.32; Amkus annual svc. – cost \$1892.30; NAPA/McKee Equipment – cost

\$38.94; chief show attendance (Strains) – cost \$129.88; NYSIF/workers comp. – cost \$265.12. Trucks 275, 2751 and Kubota trailer are scheduled to go for inspection on 6-20. Renee motioned to transfer \$20000 to the Community capital fund and \$10000 to the Community maintenance fund. Seconded by Brendan with four yes, one absent, was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The hall has been scheduled for use on the following dates: 5-27 Pitts rental (for Stone funeral); 6-03 meet the candidate night (cancelled); 6-11 K/L engine show mtg.; 6-17 meet the candidate night; 6-24 Local, State and Federal Primary election; 7-09 K/L engine show mtg. Jackie submitted \$300 cash for the Pitts rental and \$100 cash for the Ciborowski rental.

VFIS Spring/Summer 2025 newsletter was received.

OLD BUSINESS

Work orders update: . status of sound proofing of the meeting hall: Brendan found a fellow to put up the panels. Probably won't be until September before job can be done. Need the cost of the job before commencing

- . floor repair hall side: when Sal from Starkrete is here Brendan will have him look at this floor
- . paint peeling on floor of truck bay: Bob asked Cory if the bay floors had been cleaned; he stated, yes
- . check ceiling for a leak:
- . check leak under overhang by bottle bin:
- . check leak truck bay men's room:
- . check screen replacement of windows, weed killer around building, outside for rust:

Leaks #4, #5, #6 New York Roofers and Newbauer Construction will submit estimates

Grants: Visions Care, none available. The RC Smith Fdtn. requires the fire dept. to have a 501.C status. Cory stated he applied a few yrs. ago. One can apply four times per year for this grant. The current application Cory is to fill out and return to Renee to complete. Once completed, Renee will submit it in October. The Gary Sinise Fdtn. grants are reserved for first responder depts. Grant season is open all year long. Renee is waiting for Cory to submit updated quote on the cascade air compression system.

Cory stated that truck 2751 will be going to Matthews Ford on 6-26 to have the recall notice regarding the event data recorder (EDR) repaired, as the 5-21 date was postponed.

The Strains felt the chief show held in Syracuse was a waste of time, disappointing, same ole same ole.

NEW BUSINESS

Quotes received regarding tire replacement on all trucks: Moore's in Sherburne \$9550, Professional Tire \$11316.22, Tallmadge \$12191.48 and McKees \$11328.10. After discussion, Brendan motioned to accept Moore's \$9550 quote. Seconded by Renee with four yes, one absent, was carried. Cory is to schedule the replacements.

Explore improving fire services for the community covered by Plymouth Fire District. Consolidation, Merger, Deactivation, Dissolution, Fire protection contracts, Hiring a fire chief, etc.: working on grant for strategic plan and consulting svcs. Bob has a meeting on 6-17 with the city of Norwich for a conference call with CGR.

The district will no longer be using fuel from the town highway dept. An account has been opened with WEX for diesel fuel usage. This takes effect 6-17.

Louie Redenback, town highway superintendent, refuses to do a share agreement with the district for diesel fuel.

Brendan motioned to have Leroy Maricle brush hog the back of the property. Seconded by Les with four yes, one absent, was carried.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Patty Murray has concerns regarding fire dept. property in Plymouth. She feels Frank Williams should be paid \$300 for the mowing done in 2024. Cory stated he would speak with Frank and bring the matter up with dept. members.

Rhonda Fairbanks inquired as to who is supposed to mow the property. It needs to be mowed. She understood that the dept. purchased a lawn mower. Chris stated he mowed it once. Can more tables be purchased for use in the hall, with larger families renting, there aren't enough tables to use. She inquired why the 6-14 pancake breakfast wasn't held; not enough members to hold it.

Jackie Kreiner saw Frank mowing the property in Plymouth. She asked him why, said he got sick of looking at how high the hay was. She thanked him for the mowing.

OTHER

Patty Murray stated that at the town board meeting, Louie Redenback said that after this upcoming winter, the parking lot will be in bad shape due to the salt that will be put down. He feels it should be resurfaced sooner than later. CapSeal system costs \$34000 and lasts six to eight yrs. Patty Murray was advised we need two additional quotes are needed before any additional action is taken.

WORK IN PROGRESS

(will move these items up for Board Action as background information/reports completed)

Bob adjourned meeting at 8:10 p.m.