

January 3, 2022 membership meeting minutes

Attendance: John Russell, Cathe Mazza, Jean Speck, Alexis Swagemaker, Gary Hock, Matt Starr, Jordan Donzella, Caralee Rochovansky, Ed Matson, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Alan Gawel, Bonnie Donzella, John Christen, Jill Scholsohn, Wendall Soule, Sean Dingee, Kerri Cullip, Eric Epstein, Laurence Schenk, Louis Dingee, Tim Limbos, Wendy Murphy.

Call to order @19:04

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Bonnie Donzella made a motion, seconded by Sean Dingee, to add COVID-19 safety protocols last under old business. Voting yes: Sean Dingee, Caralee Rochovansky, John Christen, Ed Matson, Cathe Mazza, Alan Gawel, Wendall Soule, Bonnie Donzella, Matt Starr, Jordan Donzella, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Jill Scholsohn, Alexis Swagemaker, Gary Hock. Voting no: no one. No Abstentions. Motion carries.

Matt Starr made a motion, seconded by Cathe Mazza, to add (the) department capital plan (to the agenda) after the operating budget in old business. Voting yes: Cathe Mazza, Sean Dingee, Matt Starr, Ed Matson, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Jill Scholsohn, Alexis Swagemaker, Jean Speck, Caralee Rochovansky, Wendall Soule, Bonnie Donzella, Jordan Donzella, Alan Gawel, John Christen, Gary Hock. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.

Public/member comment: The President thanked Susie Rundall, Gary Hock, John Christen and Joyce from Town Hall, for all their work on Stuff A Truck last month.

Treasurer's Report: **Ed Matson made a motion, seconded by Alan Gawel, to pay the recurring bills, same bills as last year, for 2022.** Voting yes: John Christen, Ed Matson, Bonnie Donzella, Jean Speck, Alan Gawel, Sean Dingee, Matt Starr, Jill Scholsohn, Wendall Soule, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Cathe Mazza, Jordan Donzella, Caralee Rochovansky, Alexis Swagemaker, Gary Hock. Voting no: no one. No Abstentions. Motion carries.

Caralee Rochovansky made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Donzella, to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as distributed. Voting yes: Sean Dingee, Alan Gawel, Bonnie Donzella, John Christen, Wendall Soule, Ed Matson, Jordan Donzella, Gary Hock. Voting no: Alexis Swagemaker, Matt Starr, Caralee Rochovansky. Abstaining: Cathe Mazza, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Jill Scholsohn. Motion carries.

Bonnie Donzella made a motion, seconded by Mary Ann VanValkenburg, to reimburse Alan Gawel for \$577.90 for rapid home test kits. Voting yes: Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Bonnie Donzella, Caralee Rochovansky, Wendall Soule, Cathe Mazza, Laurence Schenk, John Christen, Jean Speck, Ed Matson, Jill Scholsohn, Sean Dingee, Jordan Donzella, Sean Dingee, Gary Hock, Tim Limbos, Wendy Murphy. Voting no: no one. Abstaining: Alan Gawel, Matt Starr, Alexis Swagemaker. Motion carries.

Ed Matson reported that he submitted the town capital request today.

President's Report:

1. In the December 30 email with agenda, the P&L information was included as well as the 2022 budget and recurring bills.
2. Annual blue light permits/paperwork are needed.
3. Annual physicals are needed.

Correspondence: no report

December membership meeting minutes: **Bonnie Donzella made a motion, seconded by Jordan Donzella, to approve the December 6, 2021 membership meeting minutes as distributed.** The President asked the record to reflect a correction in the minutes under Old Business and the Capital Plan to say that a motion was not recognized instead of denied. Voting yes: Caralee Rochovansky, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Wendy Murphy, Bonnie Donzella, Ed Matson, Jordan Donzella, Cathe Mazza, Alan Gawel, Laurence Schenk, John Christen, Wendall Soule, Jill Scholsohn, Tim Limbos, Sean Dingee. Voting no: Matt Starr. Abstaining: Alexis Swagemaker. Motion carries.

Membership: **Mary Ann VanValkenburg made a motion, seconded by Sean Dingee, to accept Michele Kaplan as a member.** Voting yes: Alexis Swagemaker, Jean Speck, Sean Dingee, Bonnie Donzella, Jordan Donzella, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Alan Gawel, Laurence Schenk, Cathe Mazza, Wendy Murphy, Wendall Soule, Ed Matson. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.

Eric Epstein made a motion, seconded by Alexis Swagemaker, to add document storage to the agenda. Voting yes: Sean Dingee, Bonnie Donzella, Cathe Mazza, Caralee Rochovansky, Jill Scholsohn, Jordan Donzella, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Matt Starr, Ed Matson, Alan Gawel, Laurence Schenk, Jean Speck, Wendall Soule, Alexis Swagemaker, Wendy Murphy, John Christen, Tim Limbos. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.

Executive Committee: no report beyond the email minutes which have been distributed.

Old Business

A. 2022 Operating Budget: **Bonnie Donzella made a motion, seconded by Tim Limbos, to accept the 2022 Operating Budget as presented.** Voting yes: Alan Gawel, Bonnie Donzella, Ed Matson, Jordan Donzella, Sean Dingee, Wendall Soule, Tim Limbos, Gary Hock, John Christen. Voting no: Matt Starr, Alexis Swagemaker, Eric Epstein. Abstaining: Cathe Mazza, Laurence Schenk, Jean Speck, Wendy Murphy, Caralee Rochovansky, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Jill Scholsohn. Motion carries.

B. Capital Plan: Matt Starr voiced his concerns and a request for correction.

C. Investment Policy: John Russell reported that this is still in the works and hopes to present it next month.

D. Foundation Committee: Eric Epstein has received a draft proposal from the consultant and it's in committee review. Eric hopes to have an update next month.

E. COVID-19 update: protocols were given and there was general discussion.

New Business

A. Elections:

Fire Chief	Alan Gawel 80% yes/20%abstain
Asst. Chief	Gary Hock 80% yes/20% abstain
Asst. Chief	Wendall Soule 100% yes
Ambulance Chief	Bonnie Donzella 83%yes/17% abstain
Asst. Ambulance Chief	Jill Scholsohn 95%yes/5% abstain
Captain	Alexis Swagemaker 75% yes/25% abstain
Captain	Sean Dingee 75% yes/ 25% abstain
Lieutenant	John Russell 80% yes/20%abstain
Lieutenant	position not filled
President	John Russell 79%yes/21%abstain
Treasurer	Ed Matson 55%/45% abstain
Secretary	Cathe Mazza. 100% yes
Engineer	John Christen 75%yes/25% abstain

B. Previous legal action: **Alan Gawel made a motion, seconded by Wendall Soule, to go into Executive Session to discuss a previous legal matter at 20:40 p.m.** Voting yes: John Christen, Matt Starr, Bonnie Donzella, Alan Gawel, Ed Matson, Cathe Mazza, Jill Scholsohn, Sean Dingee, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Gary Hock, Caralee Rochovansky, Wendall Soule, Laurence Schenk, Wendy Murphy, Alexis Swagemaker, Tim Limbos. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries. **Bonnie Donzella made motion, seconded by Matt Starr, to come out of Executive Session at 20:58.** Voting yes: Matt Starr, Gary Hock, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Ed Matson, Laurence Schenk, Alan Gawel, Sean Dingee, Tim Limbos, John Christen, Cathe Mazza, Bonnie Donzella, Wendy Murphy, Wendall Soule. Voting no: Alexis Swagemaker. Abstentions: Caralee Rochovansky. Motion carries. **Alan Gawel made a motion, seconded by Sean Dingee, to spend up to \$750.00 for a financial execution for the court order as discussed in Executive Session. In discussion it was agreed that we had to suspend our spring policy in order to act on this motion. Alan Gawel withdrew his motion, and Sean Dingee withdrew his second.**

C. Suspension of Spending Policy: **Alan made a motion, seconded by Sean Dingee, to suspend the spending policy to all for an expense of up to \$750 for a financial execution order as discussed in executive session.** Voting yes: Ed Matson, Cathe Mazza, Tim Limbos, Bonnie Donzella, Wendall Soule, Sean Dingee, Caralee Rochovansky, John Christen, Alan Gawel, Gary Hock, Wendy Murphy, Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Jill Scholsohn. Voting no: Matt Starr, Alexis Swagemaker. Abstentions: Laurence Schenk. Motion carries.

D. Warned expenditures

1. Technology: no update
2. Document Storage: Eric asked about storing Zoom meetings on our website indefinitely. Jean said she will pursue it.

Chief's Report

- a. Training has been limited with COVID but brainstorming about future sessions.
- b. Please continue to respond to calls.
- c. Chief will be dividing the department into squads which will make training and responding easier.
- d. Thank you to the BOS and Emergency Management for all their COVID help.

Line Officer's Report

18 calls in December and unofficially 178 for 2021 year.

Ambulance Chief's Report

45 calls in December and unofficially 381 calls for 2021 year.

Airborne/blood borne and haz-mat refreshers are due asap.

If you need help with COVID protocols please contact me or Mary Ann.

Mary Ann VanValkenburg made a motion, seconded by Alexis Swagemaker, to pay for two EMT classes for two new members (Michele Kaplan and Laurence Schenk). In discussion there was a question of cost and if that cost was in the budget. Mary Ann withdrew her motion and Alexis withdrew her second. Mary Ann made a second motion, seconded by Alexis, to pay for two EMT classes for two new members Michele Kaplan and Laurence Schenk at a cost of approximately \$1,000 each. Voting yes: Mary Ann VanValkenburg, Cathe Mazza, Bonnie Donzella, Tim Limbos, Wendall Soule, Sean Dingee, Matt Starr, Alan Gawel, John Christen, Alexis Swagemaker, Caralee Rochovansky, Wendy Murphy, Jean Speck, Gary Hock. Voting no: no one. No abstentions. Motion carries.

Committee Reports: no reports

Appointed Positions: no reports

Auxiliary: no report

Juniors: meeting this Thursday, Jan. 6th at 7 p.m.

Expenditure Warnings:

Technology

Legal costs

Defibrillators

Adjourned at 21:39

Respectfully submitted,

Cathe Mazza

Secretary