

St. Paul Boulevard Fire District
Minutes of the 1187th Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners
Cooper Road Firehouse, 433 Cooper Road
December 28, 2020

{Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the meeting was held with limited on-site District personnel. Face Masks, Safe Distancing and Health Screening and temperature check will be required for anyone entering the firehouse for the meeting}

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairperson Harvey. The meeting was conducted using Microsoft Teams. An audio of the meeting was created and available on the St. Paul Blvd. web site.

Attendance On-Site: Chairperson Harvey, Commissioner Turner, Administrator/Secretary Riley, and Business Manager Igor Zubrzycki.

Attendance Off-Site: Commissioner Haas, Commissioner Shafer, Commissioner Pat Cooke, Treasurer Sienkiewicz, Joe DeMart, Chief Dyrland, Deputy Chief Line, and Captain Semmler.

Excused: None

Pledge: The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairperson Harvey.

Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was held in memory of all deceased members of St. Paul Blvd. Fire District.

The Board recognized the public service to the community of the present and future members of the St. Paul Blvd. Fire District. Special thoughts and prayers were mention for St. Paul member Sharonlee White who recently has taken ill.

At this time, Commissioner Turner express a special recognition to Chairperson Chris Harvey who is finishing his tenure with the Board. Chris rose through the ranks in many officers' positions to the Fire Chief and the and Fire Commissioner. Commissioner Turner also express a recognition to Bill Dyrland for his many years as Fire Chief.

Public Appearances: None

Prior minutes:

The minutes of the November 30, 2020 Commission meeting are in the Board members folders as well sent electronically that need approval. A motion by Commissioner Turner and 2nd by Commissioner Cooke to approve the October minutes was carried 5-0.

Correspondence and Petitions:

Incoming:

On December 10, 2020, a letter was received from the St. Paul Blvd. Fire Association nominating Michael Line as Fire Chief for the year 2021.

From the Monroe County Department of Human Resources, the 2021 meeting schedule for the Civil Service Commission and directions for completing a 222-classification submission.

We received the 2021 meeting dates for the Monroe County Fire District Officer Association. St. Paul is the host for the April 15th dinner meeting. The dinner meeting starts at 18:00 hours.

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A letter was received from Rochester Regional Occupational Health notifies us that the office is moving from the current location to the White Pines Medical Building located at 370 East Ridge Road. Hours of operation will be Monday -Friday 8am-4:30pm.

Outgoing:

A notice including the new point system for the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAOP) effective January 01, 2021 has been sent to all Active volunteer firefighters per Chief Line.

At the request of our insurance agent, a letter to our carrier Utica National Insurance Group, requesting three (3) years of loss history. There is only one claim which remains open.

Chief's Report:

Chief Dyrland reported the fire district responded to 116 alarms for the month of November with 68 being EMS. Mutual aid was received 4 time and given 11. There were 6 simultaneous alarms for the month. There were to date 1630 fire alarms and 769 EMS. A complete summary report is included with these minutes.

Chief Dyrland also reported on the following items:

- Our COVID-19 committee is doing a great job protecting and keeping our members informed. Hopefully soon we will have the COVID-19 vaccine available for our members. The County Fire Coordinator is sending communications to the County Fire Chiefs. IF we have any questions, we can contact the County Fire Bureau.
- The Chief reported on several St. Paul good and welfare items: member Brendan Bortle's father recently died at the age of 48. Past Firefighter Martens is still having some health issues and is hopeful to be recovering soon and as mentioned earlier past active member Sharonlee White has recently been hospitalized.

Deputy Chief 's Report:

Deputy Chief Line reported on the following:

- With the completion of the in-house recruit fire training, we now have six new St. Paul Exterior Firefighters.
- In reference to our current lack of Advisors for the Fire Explorer Post, checking with the Boy Scouts of America our charter will remain even if the Post is in-active in 2021.
- Deputy Chief Line also expressed his gratitude for the support and guidance of Chief Dyrland over the years and wishes in well in the future.

Captain's Report:

Training

- Career Firefighter Bell and Firefighter Reddy have successfully completed the 229-state fire recruit training program and assigned to line groups. Both finished at the top of the class. Andy started his first shift today, and Eric is scheduled to begin on Friday. Class graduation ceremonies were postponed due to COVID-19 to a later date.
- Firefighter Purdy was successful in completing the Firefighter #1 class in Brighton and can now begin to participate as an Interior Firefighter. Many thanks to Firefighters Kevin Magin and Rob Rinck for assisting Firefighter Purdy by conducting several "hands-on" training sessions with her to boost her confidence.

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- Lt. DeWitt has requested consideration with obtaining his state Firefighter I certification. He would need to take this training at the state fire academy in Montour Falls in March. By obtaining this certification he would be able to teach the curriculum. While St. Paul does not have the infrastructure to conduct a Firefighter I class independently, a town-wide class has always been a goal of the in Irondequoit fire departments.

Covid-19:

- In-house COVID-19 testing continues a twice weekly basis and is gaining in popularity. On the last session 32 tests were given, to members of St. Paul, Laurelton, Ridge-Culver, and Point Pleasant. To date St. Paul have performed 95 tests, with 2 positive results.
- The current COVID-19 vaccination situation is very fluid. Availability may be sooner than we thought. The County requested that we prioritize our staff and provide estimates off the number of people that would need to be vaccinated.
- Lt. Rhoney and his team did a great job with the wellness gifts for our members provided by the Association.
- Reporting on a few COVID-19 staffing issues: career Firefighter Lamendola is back from isolation protocol; volunteer Firefighters Cameron and Christian Shafer will be out of service till at least the 2nd of January. None of the other departments in the Town have reported significant staff shortages to-date. Currently our staffing is at 100%.

County Fire Bureau/Mutual Aid

- The City has had several multiple alarm fires. St. Paul has been relatively quiet.
- St. Paul continues to monitor the change over to the new County radio system.

Report of the Attorney:

Commissioner Turner reported he has briefly spoken to the attorney about COVID19 employee vaccinations. There does not appear to be any news on this topic.

Report of Secretary: None

(see Report of District Administrator).

Communications & IT:

Commissioner Shafer reported on one item that a power source unit burnout in the computer room. Nothing unusual.

Apparatus, Equipment & Insurance:

Commissioner P. Cooke report on the following items:

- Annual SCBA maintenance is completed. Due to the age of the air packs, we are seeing increased costs for repair. This year over \$9000 was spent to inspect and repair. Currently F.F. McMahon and F.F. Metcalfe are in the beginning stages of investigating future air pack replacement.
- United Plastics Fabricating tech advisor will be here in early January to advise us on repairing or replacing the leaking water tank on Engine 152.
- Engine 153 will need to go to Cummins in Buffalo for warranty work once Engine 152 is repaired.

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- Miscellaneous minor repairs on the apparatus have been completed by Floyd maintenance.
- Cutters Edge saw has been ordered.
- Our current IPADs which currently run the Bryx alerting software will work with the new CAD system which is slated to go live in March.
- 1st quarter of 2021 we expect delivery of the 2 new Chevy Tahoe's.

Commissioner Cooke express his personal thanks to Commissioner Harvey and Chief Dyrland for their dedication to St. Paul Blvd. Fire District.

Personnel: Commissioner Turner reported on the open insurance claim with carrier is the Mr. Wade matter. Also, we will conduct the swearing in and oaths of offices for our chief officers and new career firefighters at the Organizational Meeting on January 4th. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed with a limited number of persons in attendance. Administrator Riley will coordinate this event.

Commissioner Turner has asked Igor to attend the new Commissioners' training workshop in February at the Brighton Fire Station. Attorney Ray DiRaddo does a great job presenting this course material. The course is open to all fire district officers. Igor is very willing and eager to attend this.

Health, Fitness & Wellness Committee Items No report

Report of District Administrator:

The official results of the December 8th elections have been filed with the Irondequoit Town Clerk. Peter Skelton was elected Fire Commissioner for a five-year term beginning on January 01, 2021. All three propositions passed. Copies of the results were sent electronically to all Board members.

The newly elected Fire Commissioner's training workshop will be held at the Brighton Fire District on February 20, 2021 starting at 8am. This training is available virtually online. Commissioner Elect Skelton is registered to take this online.

All the legal and public announcements have been published and posted for the regular 2021 Board meeting dates and the 2021 Organizational Meeting. Copies of the dates are in the Board members folders and set electronically. Riley reminded the Board members and Officers that the Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4th at 6pm.

Properties / Strategic Planning Committee Items:

Commissioner Haas reported on the following items:

- RW Lindsey made the repairs on the leaking back flow valve on the sprinkler system. They also did the required annual backflow preventor test and inspection for 2021.
- Commissioner Haas thanked Firefighters Anderson and Mackaravitz for the annual air filter changes to the firehouse HVAC units.
- Commissioner Haas held a virtual conference call with Dave Phelps from SWBR, Commissioner Turner, Joe DeMart and others to discuss the SWBR facility project to

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date. Under Old Business there will be a report on the project status and future items for consideration by the Board.

- Commissioner Haas also wished to recognize Commissioner Harvey and Chief Dyrland for their many years of service to St. Paul.

Reading of the Bills:

Business Manager Zubrzycki presented abstract # 23 and abstract # 24 to be approved for payment (copy filed with these minutes).

Igor reported total expenses for the month were \$ 252,784.42. Significant expenses for the month included: \$6,177.21 to replace both the water heater and dish washer, \$10,189.85 to Dival for the annual SCBA maintenance and repair, and \$102,876.63 the career firefighter annual vacation payout.

After a review of the abstracts by the Treasurer and with the Board's review a motion by Commissioner Turner and 2nd by Commissioner Shafer to approve the bills after proper auditing by the Board was carried 5-0. In favor.

Old Business:

Chairman Harvey called upon Joe DeMart to make the presentation on the status of the Facility Master Planning for the Cooper Road fire station. DeMart provided a lengthy update on the work to date. The project is at a critical step. There are three future options for the present Cooper Road fire station building to be consider.

- Options One: Site Redevelopment which would include enlarging and rehabbing the existing building as well as adding an outside storage building on the site.
- Option Two: Site Redevelopment which would include demolishing of the existing building and construction of a new building.
- Option Three: No planned Site Redevelopment.

At this stage in the process, he recommends that the Board schedule a workshop to discuss the three options. A copy of this presentation is included with these minutes.

New Business: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the December 28, 2020 meeting was moved for adjournment by Commissioner Shafer and 2nd by Commissioner Turner at 6:12 pm. Approved 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Riley
District Administrator/Secretary