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1. Call to Order

-The meeting of June 11, 2014 was called to order by Chairman Dennis Gragnolati at 7:32 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

-Commissioners present: Dennis Gragnolati, Dan Riley, Pat Courtney and David Montemerlo

-Chiefs present: Chief Ruggiero and Assistant Chief DeBella

-Fire Marshal present: Mike Sinsigalli

3. Secretary's Report –

Chairman Gragnolati entertained a motion to approve the Secretary's Report for the meeting of May 14, 2014. Motion was made by Commissioner Courtney and seconded by Commissioner Montemerlo to approve the minutes as submitted. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

4. Report of Officers

-Fire Marshal report – Covers April 9 – June 11, 2014

-There were 29 alarms and 4 drills.

-Re-inspections are taking place now, following up to be certain they were taken seriously during the first inspections.

-3 sets of plans were received during the period.

-We are currently looking for a volunteer to work with the Fire Marshal's Office to coordinate and deliver public education programs.

-October Fest is scheduled for October 5. May have a limited open house also.

-The issue that was reported last month with John Kupernik's computer has been fixed.

-Chief report

-There were 28 alarms and 3 drills. Total calls from May, 2013 – April, 2014 were 381.

-Chairman Gragnolati made a nice flyer to go in the tax bills advertising for new members.

-Roger Ignazio passed away today, a former member of the Department.

-A meeting will be held this Monday to discuss using St. Roberts for special education classes for up to 6 students.

-The Stewards Report indicates that there is still a problem with a leaking ceiling. This has been ongoing for a long time. HVAC system continues to leak creating mold. It has been fixed multiple times but just leaks again. We need to notify Public Works. Chairman Gragnolati will speak to Scott about it.

-Chief Ruggiero working with the school to update the disaster plan so it will match the State plan. The state wants the terminology the same for all towns.

5. Standing Committees-

Purchasing – Ongoing. We have approximately \$11,000 remaining in the budget mainly because Frances was able to work wonders with the bottles and we got the price way down. Would like to redo the older herst tools to convert them to the newer system. The new jaws would be completely compatible to the older tools. The fittings would be identical. Cost would be about \$5,000. It would fit into the line item, machine and equipment new. The money was appropriated so if it fits in the line item, we can do it with the Commission's approval. The remaining approximately \$6,000 Chief would like to purchase job shirts for the members, Commission approves of both purchases.

Budget – Winding down this years' budget process, we have not gotten a copy back. Next Tuesday is the Town meeting to vote on the budget. Line 107 and 108 will be spent in the next few weeks. Line 115, education training has been spent, waiting for the bill. Line 126, General Support is badges and service awards, recruitment and service awards for a total of \$3,000 that will be spent.

Explorers money has been spent, waiting for the bill. Major repairs are down this year. The past few years we have been very, very careful with the money, we haven't spent anything we really didn't have to spend. Hose test this week will take another \$4,000 from the budget.

Truck Committee –Frances signed some documents last week, the project has begun looking at October for delivery. The new Finance Director wants a two month notice before the truck is delivered.

Training- Ongoing. Last night we had the Assistant Chief from Middletown speak on the art of reading smoke.

Building Committee – In the process of setting this up.

Human Resources –

-The member we have been expecting, hasn't shown up for the interview yet.

-There will be \$296 cost to put the inserts into the tax bills.

-Advertising for the Carnival goes up on the sign soon, after that Commissioner Gragnolati would like an advertisement for new members.

Town Ordinance – No report.

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Old Business – None
7. New Business –
-Carnival July 11, 12 and 13th. Fireworks are Friday night the 12th. Parade is Saturday the 13th meet at the Fire House. Police estimate crowd at 20,000.
-We got a bill last year for \$4,100 for protection at the carnival, but the Police Chief did not require us to pay the bill. He asked us to make donation instead. He is going to absorb the bill again this year. Thanks to the Chief for doing this, it is appreciated. Scott Lappen goes out of his way with the grounds work too.
8. Appointments and Promotions – None
9. Correspondence - Received thank you note from the Republic of the Philippines for the donation of the turn out fire fighting gear.
10. Public Input – None
11. Commission Comments – Commissioner Riley would like to recognize the passing of Roger Ignazio who was a long time member here and very active in the town.
12. Announcements – None
13. Adjournment

Chairman Gragnolati entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion made by Commissioner Courtney and seconded by Commissioner Montemerlo. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Submitted by Susan Urso,