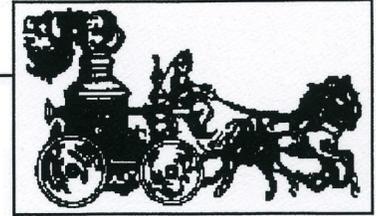


BROOME COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES - FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - DECEMBER 9, 2021

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Tom Giblin.

Motion by Nick Griswold, second by Joe Griswold to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2021, meeting. Carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:

Deputy Fire Coordinator Jerry Launt reported:

- Thank you to everyone who attended the funeral for Mike Aswad. There was a good show of support for Mike.
- Radios are starting to arrive at the building on Wayne St.
- The last tower is almost finished. Hoping to go online in late spring.
- Training schedule is out and classes are filling up fast.

BYLAWS: No report.

PREVENTION/EDUCATION: Due to Covid the trailer was only out 5 times this year. We are still using the same tow vehicle but we would like to get a GMC or Suburban to replace it.

LEGISLATURE: Legislator Kaminsky sent a note indicating she could not attend. She indicated that she is concerned with the great increase in Covid cases and the problems at Willow Point filling staffing positions. She stated that the National Guard will be helping out at Willow Point. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Rob Brady indicated that he met with Legislator Jason Show and discussed the great need for more volunteers. Rob suggested that an increase in the state tax credit would be helpful. Free tuition to Community Colleges for volunteer firefighters or a 10% property tax deduction, as some counties do, might also help to encourage new volunteers.

SPECIAL TEAMS:

HAZ MAT: They are specing out a new tow vehicle for the hazmat trailer to replace the current truck. They have not had any calls recently.

LINK FIELD: Currently there is one flight per day. There was a mutual aid training at Link Field and only three fire departments showed up.

CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE: No report. Believe that some participated in pump testing.

FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC: Officers are the same as in 2022. Patrick Dewing spoke at the meeting and updated us. Next meeting is January 7, at West Corners.

BROOME COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOC: Only change is that Russ Carey is now the Secretary .

NYS AFC: They have a training coming up January 19 at Windsor High School "Five Points of Command". Chiefs' Association is looking at having John Salka as a speaker.

SOUTH CENTRAL FIRE POLICE: Elected officers for 2022. Irv Soden is now the President. Norman Davis is now vice president of the State Fire Police Association.

Steve Soloman gave a good presentation about a downed 19,000 voltage power line that electrified a fence and started a grass fire and two house fires.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Elections will be in March.
- Discussion of appointment of new Director of Emergency Services. Fire Advisory Board is supposed to be involved with this appointment. For future appointments we should make the County Executive aware that Board should be more involved.
- New Director has been very cooperative at Aswad's funeral and has been very supportive of the fire service.
- Ray Serowik will be retiring soon but will stay on until his successor has been appointed.

MEETINGS for 2022:

- March 10
- May 12
- September 8
- December 8

All in the 2nd floor meeting room at the Public Safety Facility.

Motion by Wayne Sherwood, second by John Haggerty to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice J. Fiacco

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Secretary