**CHATEAUGAY-BRAINARDSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT**

April 13, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Chateaugay-Brainardsville Fire District was called to order at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at the Chateaugay Fire Department by Fire District Chairperson, Jo Ellen Saumier. In attendance were Commissioners John Martin, Nate Collette, Shawn Hamelin and James Alexander. Chief Jerry Blow, Ed Hoit, Krystal Blow, Jason Martin and Matt Clarke, as well as Secretary-Treasurer Jill Cook were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Minutes from the March 9, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes were approved on a motion made by S.Hamelin 2nd by J.Martin, approved

**Communications and Petitions:**

Chief Blow requested approval to allow Jordyn Holbrook to come to the station and ride along on CFD rescue calls to obtain the required ride time to get her EMT license. J.Martin made the motion to allow J.Holbrook to come to the station and ride on CFD Rescues to help her obtain the required hours for her EMT licensing, 2nd by S.Hamelin, 4 to 1 carried.

**Treasurer Report:** A report of checks written and all account balances for

March was made by Treas Cook & approved on a motion from,

J.Alexander, and 2nd by S.Hamelin, 2nd approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Grant Program:** Research continues

**Liason**:

Chairperson Saumier introduced an informative way to update the taxpapers on how their tax dollars are being spent through the CBFD to keep our families safe and options to get it out to the public. J.Martin moved to use the newsletter format and have it inserted into the Chateaugay News a few times a year, 2nd by S.Hamelin, carried. S.Hamelin and J.Martin expressed their appreciation for

Jo Ellen’s time and effort on this project.

Chief Blow reported Assistant Chief, Ron Chase has moved out of our district.

Ron was an asset to the Department, he will be missed. S.Hamelin moved to approve CFD’s roster changes, 2nd by J.Alexander,carried.

**Building:**

The roof repair cost will be partial covered by insurance. We have received a $3000 bill from the engineering company. Waiting for complete report.

Decisions will have to be made on replacing the whole roof or repair.

There is very little insulation in the building. New insulation panels were discussed, less labor and though more expensive.

Jason LaPlante was the only Mowing Bid received. He did a nice job last year. S.Hamelin moved Jason LaPlante be awarded the 2021 mowing job of the station, 2nd by J.Alexander, carried.

The District now has a desk at the station. Thank you John Martin for your work!

Bathroom renovation are scheduled to start April 14, 2021. How exciting!

E. Hoit and J.Alexander have worked to boost the speed of the station’s

Wifi speed with 3 mesh units, it is working well. We appreciate their effort to fix this issue.

Chairperson Saumier has made arrangement to have the floors stripped and

waxed at the station on April 16, 2021. She will try to contact Citizen Advocate’s and reschedule after the bathroom redo is finished.

J.Martin will contact Jim Sorrell to check the status of the new hot water heater.

J.Alexander moved to approve J.Martin’s much needed purchase of new telephones for the station, 2nd by S.Hamelin, carried.

The station’s furnace continues to have issues, now needs some valves replaced.

Cornerstone will do this repair.

**Unfinished Business:**

The Towns of Bellmont and Chateaugay have signed contracts for the EMS

District, Burke is expected to follow soon**.**

The EMS District is still working to prepare to be up and running, when everything comes together, decisions will have to be made fast. It was discussed

sleeping/showering would be more doable for the EMTS with renting an apartment in the village until more decisions and upgrades can be made.

The older rescue at the station can not transport but can be used to treat people

on the scene as well as rehab for our firefighters. With everything still up in the air

J.Martin suggested Attorney Bill Young could draw up a contract for use of the station for the EMS District.

Chief Blow reported, J. Martin was appointed as Captain of EMT, will be identified as 5005 on the radio. John is knowledgeable about the new district.

S.Hamelin made the motion to change mileage reimbursement rate to .56 cents per mile, 2nd by J.Alexander, carried. Matt Clarke will be reimbursed for mileage, he and Nate Roach traveled to VT to pick up EMT Skid Unit, saving the

cost of shipping. Both units have been installed on the new side by side.

Chief Blow shared the sale of the older skid unit to Moira’s Fire Department at

$500.00 was a good decision, Moira’s already helped us out with a hose reel issue

at a recent fire, saving us a large replacement cost. It is positive to help out

other area departments when possible.

**New Business:**

J.Alexander made the motion to transfer $70,000 from CBFD checking to Capital

Improvement Account, and $7500.00 to SCBA Account, 2nd by J.Martin, carried.

The Pregnant Firefighter Policy was discussed. Chief Blow said the current policy came from ESIP and is about 15 yrs old. The department gives a copy of this policy to all female new members at the time of membership as well as requesting their signature when they become pregnant.

The Substance Policy was discussed, J.Saumier shared the, Proposed Revision of the Drug and Alcohol Policy. This was info she learned from Coffee with the Commissioner, an question and answer forum for Fire Districts. It was suggested to remove, ZERO TOLERANCE wording. Chairperson Saumier will send it the lawyer before adopting the policy.

Chief Blow shared they have ordered and received new uniforms for the department in the amount of about $10,000. They are looking for help to pay for these. They have ordered and received 17 sets (coat $285/ pants $95/ hat $85)

They need a few more sets but are looking for a 50/50 cost split to share expense. J.Martin made the motion for the District to contribute $6200 for uniforms, 2nd by J.Alexander, 4 to 1, carried. The Department has not had uniforms for many years.

E.Hoit talked about the need for a new Hazmat Cabinet, current one will not close

This is a OSHA problem. He had obtained 3 quotes. J.Martin moved to purchase new cabinet under $1000.00, 2nd by J.Alexander, 4 to 1, carried.

**Executive Session:**

**Audit Bills:** Outstanding bills /invoices were presented for approval of payment by the Commissioners N.Collette moved to approve bills, 2nd by S.Hamelin, carried.

**Adjournment:** On a motion from S.Hamelin, 2nd by J.Alexander, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Jill W. Cook Jo Ellen Saumier

Secretary Chairperson