

DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 24, 2021

Present: Chair Jim Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Fire Chief Cahalan, Water Superintendent Benlien,
Ambulance Director Woodard, Asst. Clerk Melanie Roucoulet

Prudential Committee: Al Nadeau

Public: Steve Perry

Jim Driscoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

General Business:

- Minutes
 - o Jim Driscoll made a motion to accept the minutes from July 27, 2021, as printed, Camillus Cachat seconded, approved unanimously.

Ambulance Report:

- Nicole reported that we have had dispatch software issues for the past few weeks, Calls have been being entered manually into the computer. Problem has been resolved as of the meeting
- Nicole researched dispatch calls for EMS, Since July 1, 2021 the ambulance has received 121 calls and we have responded to 95 of them, leaving 25 calls missed between overnights and weekends. Since January 1, 2021 there has been 707 total incidents.
- Nicole is still working on training in order to have weekends and overnight shifts covered, including a new FF/EMT that will be starting training on September 13, 2021
- We are currently waiting for a new Medicare/Medicaid number then billing will be up and running.
- The ambulance has received some minor repairs including a new tire and alignment. Only one call was missed while Ambulance was being fixed, the responders answered calls with squad. The Ambulance will still need to have the fan in the electrical compartment fixed.

Fire Department:

- Chief mentioned that 23 out of 47 members of the volunteers are not responding to any of the EMT calls, he is going to send out an email regarding the issue and hopefully get it resolved.
 - o Discussed stipends will not be given to volunteers not responding to calls.
 - o Also having them turn in pagers if they are not going to help.
- Ladder Truck is still down, it has received the pump but we are still waiting for a part for the ladder.
- Engine 51 tires have been ordered for the reserved engine, also worked on struts
- Chief is waiting for a quote from Boino on Building maintenance
- Driveway is an issue right now, Tri Town has received contracts from the towns to fix the roads so they are backed up on all other projects.
- Steve Perry asked the Board if there was an update on the Chief's position.
Jim Driscoll states that they are still in the interview process and it is ongoing.

Water Department:

- Bob talked to the town manager regarding the Covid money that they received hoping they would help us with the engineering of the Greenridge Park Project
- The Water department has been working on trimming trees and mowing the damns
- Bob worked on Shut off notices

Treasurer's Report:

- The Audit was pushed out a week so they are here this week.
- Our receivables have gone down to about \$6000.00
- With all the new staff coming in, taking over the ambulance, and to increase the hours of the office being open I will start working 40 hours per week instead of 35 hours.

The next meeting will be September 28, 2021 at 6:30pm

Jim Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:45 seconded by Cam Cachat, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Roucoulet
Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Clerk