

**Watervliet Fire Board**  
**Meeting Minutes January 12, 2021**  
**Held Electronically via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at **7:00 pm** by Chair, **Deane Fizzell** who led us in the **pledge of allegiance**.

**Board Members Present; Fizzell, Bambrick, Stepich, Marvin, Bayer and Brinker**

A **motion** was made by **Stepich** and supported by **Bambrick** to approve the **minutes from the December 16, 2020 and December 21, 2020 meetings. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Brinker** presented the December 2020 Treasurer's Report and **payables in the amount of \$42,693.97**. A motion was made by **Marvin** to approve the December payables. Motion was supported by **Bambrick. All in favor, motion carried.** Copy of payables on file at the fire department.

**Captain Whitney presented a verbal report.** Written reports are on file at the fire station.

**New Business:**

- **FY2021/2022 Budget discussions to begin at the February 2021 meeting.**
- **Treasurer Brinker to look into investment opportunities such as higher interest deposit accounts.**
- **Captain Whitney asked that the paperwork be completed so the red pick-up truck to Hartford Fire Dept. "As Is" for \$2500.00. A motion was made by Brinker to do the paperwork to sell the truck to Hartford Fire Dept. "As Is" for \$2500.00. Motion was supported by Marvin. All in favor. Motion carried.**
- **Captain Whitney asked the board to authorize him to hire Brian Kazmierzak to write grants for the dept. Bambrick motioned to authorize Bill to spend up to \$750.00 to have grants written. Motion was supported by Brinker. All in favor. Motion carried.**
- **Captain Whitney reported that on January 4, 2021 he submitted paperwork to un-suspend the department's teaching authorization for MFR.**

**Old Business:**

- **Captain Whitney asked the status of the department paying the out of pocket expense to Justin Scheetz for his medical bill he incurred when he sought medical treatment after the physical altercation with the former Chief. The amount Justin paid was \$210.43. Chair Fizzell said he would look through previous meeting minutes to see what had been decided as it relates to this issue.**

**Anyone to be heard:**

- **Stepich stated that this is his last meeting and that Karl Bayer would be taking his place on the WJFB.**
- **Marvin stated that she had spoke with Jennifer at Don Young Insurance and gave her a heads up that though no formal suit had been filed by the former Chief, that it could be a possibility. Jennifer spoke to the underwriters and they said that they will address the issue if suit is filed.**
- **Chair Fizzell reminded everyone that in addition to the regular meeting scheduled for February, plan on at least one additional meeting as we need to begin budget discussions.**

Next regular meeting to be **February 16, 2021 at 7:00pm.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Marvin** and supported by **Bambrick. All in favor. Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Melanie Marvin**