

# CALEDONIA FIRE DISTRICT

May 8, 2024

## MINUTES

Present: Fire Commissioners Jim Dutton, Don Cook, Meg Churchill, Mike Beavers, and Ron Beach Jr.

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Sue Carson, Chief Mike Churchill, Mike Knutowicz, Andrew Carpino, Bob Jake, Ethan Donaghue and representatives from Campus Construction Management, Kevin Donaghue and Tracy Thomas.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Dutton at 6:30 p.m. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Andrew Carpino arrived at 6:56 pm.

Kevin Donaghue and Tracy Thomas left the meeting at 7:17 pm.

### **Motion #064 – 2024**

Mr. Beavers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, and all approved to accept the April meeting minutes with the following amendment.

Page one- Mr. Beavers was not present at the meeting and was excused. The motions were also numbered incorrectly stating 2023 and are 2024.

### **Motion #065 – 2024**

- WHEREAS, the Board has been informed that the Caledonia Fire Department has approved the proposed membership of applicants, Brendon Bortle, 2997 Main St., Caledonia, NY and Jay Campbell 3137 Lehigh St., Caledonia NY within the territorial boundaries of the Caledonia Fire District/area protected and
- WHEREAS, the Board has been further informed that the applicants have been cleared for membership based upon the successful completion of the arson/sex offense records check performed in accordance with Executive Law Section 837-o;
- IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, on motion of Commissioner Beavers, seconded by Commissioner Churchill, that applicant Brendon Bortle and Jay Campbell be approved for membership in the Caledonia Fire Department with a D status, subject to his completion of the oath of membership and subject to the six- month probationary requirements of the Caledonia Fire Department. On the roll call the vote was as follows:
  - Dutton: Aye
  - Beach: Aye
  - Beavers: Aye

- Cook: Aye
- Churchill: Aye

**Motion #066– 2024**

- Mr. Beavers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, and all approved removing Christopher Beach from active membership due to his passing.

**Motion #067– 2024**

- Mrs. Churchill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved reinstating R.J. Kantowski as an exterior firefighter and Rob Douglas as a member of the Fire Police only.

**Chief Churchill’s Report:**

- The following reports were presented:
  - March Fire Report
  - April Fuel Log

**Motion #068 – 2024**

- A motion was made by Mr. Beavers and seconded by Mr. Cook, and all approved the March Fire Report.

**Motion #069 – 2024**

- A motion was made by Mr. Beavers and seconded by Mr. Cook, and all approved the purchase of 10 Minitor pagers at cost of \$3,464.50 at state bid.
- Equipment Update (work done at Firematic)
  - #114 – deck gun maintenance
  - #118- Painting ladder and driver’s door.
- Follow up items:
  - Shannon Fire Police gear – not in
  - #114 – waiting for parts to repair rocker arm
  - Dr. Varney meeting – Deputy Chief Carpino was referred to the Town Supervisor and CHS to coordinate a meeting between the three parties by Dr. Varney.
- Deputy Chiefs Murray and Carpino are investigating IT support.

**Motion #070– 2024**

- A motion was made by Mrs. Churchill and seconded by Mr. Beavers; all approved the J.W. Jones Hall fundraiser activities as listed below with all active fire fighters eligible to participate.

May

- 17 – Funeral
- 19 – Banquet

## June

- 1 – Baby shower
- 9 – Birthday party
- 15 – Party
- 18 – Retirement party
- 22 – Wedding
- 25 – Elections (Federal, State and Local)
- 29 – Graduation party (2)

### **EMS/EMT Report:**

- Brad Jones has passed his EMT protocol exam and will take the NYS written exam when it is available.
- Deputy Chief Carpino will present pricing on EMT gear at the June meeting.

### **Fire Hall Construction Update**

- Kevin and Traci from Campus Construction Management spoke regarding the various services and support the company can offer the Fire District in pursuing the bond approval and construction of a new fire hall.

### **Fire Commissioner's Reports**

- Mr. Cook stated he had reviewed bank statements and reconciliations for the following bank accounts and noted no discrepancies.
  - Certificate of Deposit (Jumbo) #2448 4/10/24.
  - Money Market account #7960 ending 4/29/24.
- Mr. Dutton stated attorney Ray DiRaddo contacted him after the fire hall vote was defeated and noted he will keep in contact.

### **Secretary Treasurer's Report**

- The District received \$787 in return of premiums for removing the old pick up from the policy.

#### **Motion #071– 2024**

- Mr. Beavers made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Churchill and all approved the Treasurer's Report and payment of vouchers #73 -92 totaling \$13,007.46 except for #86 payable to Passero in the amount of \$7,582.32.

**Motion #072– 2024**

- Mr. Beavers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved adjourning the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. Carson  
Secretary/Treasurer