

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT
10 WARD AVENUE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, June 14, 2022**

Date: June 14, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Michael Noel.

Committee members present: Katherine Rathbun, Michael Noel, David Steel

Others present: Michael Gale (Fire Chief), Charlie Chaffee (Fire Marshal), Russ Fowler (Water Superintendent), Frank Lewis (Assistant Water Superintendent), Cindy Steel (Treasurer), Nancy Gilmore (Clerk)

II. Public Comments

Larry Dunn read a document proposing changes to the Noank Fire District by-laws. He is proposing the following.

1. 30 days prior to the annual meeting candidates provide their notice to serve in any of the district's elected committees or commissions
2. Such notice is required to be a candidate for that position at the annual meeting
3. Each candidate would be required to provide a brief background and purpose for serving and be posted on the District's web site
4. A period for the assembled voters to question each candidate at the yearly meeting to be governed by the moderator of the meeting
5. Voting would continue as normal

A discussion followed but no action was taken.

Jim Furlong came to the meeting with a follow-up to the document he previously presented regarding public water to be extended to Little Gull Lane and Fishtown Lane. He would like the Noank Water Company to pay for it. There 18 houses involved. It was pointed out that when water was installed on Old Brook Street and Groton Long Point Road, the residents were required to pay for the frontage to be paid over 15 years with an interest free loan from the Noank Water Company.

Ollie Porter asked about the redoing of Main Street. He was told the committee had not heard anything yet.

Peter Drakos asked when Manafort would be clearing out of Spicer Park. The committee has not been given a date.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion (Steel/Rathbun) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting May 10, 2022 as presented passed.

IV. Reports of District Officials

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Department. In May they had 2 fire calls, 15 EMS calls, 2 Hazmat, 12 Other calls for a total of 31 calls. The tires and rims on the 46 truck were replaced. The Memorial Day Parade went very well.

Charlie Chaffee gave the Fire Marshal Report. All inspections of the building have been completed. He performed a fire inspection at 205 Elm Street. There was an issue with a fire pit on Pearl Street. There can be no flame 3 feet or above or within 15 feet of a structure.

Russ Fowler reported for the Water Company. There were 16 CBYD calls. A leak test was performed over the bridge and no leaks were detected. More information is required before an estimate can be given on the culvert replacement at Beebe Cove. He and Frank are headed to a conference on June 23. They will ask at the conference regarding ways to handle Little Gull Lane and Fishtown Lane. A leak test was performed on Marsh Road and there were no leaks.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer submitted reports for March and April but not one for May.

Cindy Steel gave the Treasurer's report. The bank account is in better shape this year than it was at the end of June 2021.

V. Communications

VI. Old Business

There was a discussion about how to reduce the legal costs for fiscal year 2022-2023. The consensus was that John Casey is particularly suited for the work required for Noank Fire District.

VII. New Business

There have been 2 applicants for the Zoning Secretary position. Rick stated the fire district needs to plan for staffing needs going forward.

VIII. Other Business

Ollie Porter asked about the colorful catch basins. He also asked about a welcome sign for the entry into Noank. He stated he felt the new stop signs on Mosher and Ward are awkward.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk