

A meeting of the Mendon Citizens Advisory Committee for Town of Mendon Fire Service was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at the Mendon Community Center, 167 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472.

PRESENT: Muffy Meisenzahl; Karen Jenkins; Mendon Supervisor, John Moffitt (via Zoom); Ryan Wilsey; Chief Peter Kester (via Zoom); Mike Arman; Gerald Lonthair; Chief Cory Trewer; Anthony Militello (via Zoom); David Smith; Robin Stewart Ha; Steve Tschiderer.

OTHERS: Chief Dan Chapman, Fisher Fire Department; Jackie Main, Village Trustee; Danny Bassette, IT support.

Minutes were taken by Katrina Allen.

Ms. Meisenzahl opened the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Mr. Lonthair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Meisenzahl informed the Board the first Fire Marshal, Al Barnes, just passed away. He was involved at Mendon Fire Department, and both the Town and Village governments.

#### HOUSEKEEPING

Ms. Meisenzahl pointed out the exits and restrooms.

#### INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Meisenzahl acknowledged others present.

MINUTES for the July 27, 2022 meeting were approved as submitted.

#### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Ms. Meisenzahl stated all the materials for the meeting are posted at least 24 hours before the meeting and are on the Town website.

Ms. Meisenzahl said if any members wanted documents hole punched for their folders, there was one available.

Ms. Meisenzahl asked if there were any concerns with the information from Denise. There were none.

Ms. Meisenzahl spoke with Chief Chapman regarding the Committee Charge. The committee recommend(s) is/are not binding on any party.

#### COMMITTEE CHARGE

Ms. Meisenzahl said she found the Mendon Town Board Minutes from March 7, 1935 creating the Mendon Fire District. Copies were given to the Committee.

The Committee requested the Honeoye Falls Fire Department and the Mendon Fire District to submit their resource information and their research to the Committee.

Mr. Militello walked the committee through information regarding the Honeoye Falls Fire Department.

- Staffing from 2009-2022 with graphs illustrating the peaks and valleys of the total active firefighter force including references to:
  - Probationary
  - Exterior Fire Fighter
  - Fire Police
  - Total Non-Interior
  - Interior Qualified
  - Total Active Force
  
- Call Volumes for 2015-2022:
  - Fire Calls
  - Rescue Calls
  - Total Calls
  - 2022 is on track to have more than previous years
  
- Average Calls by:
  - Month
  - Day of Week
  - Time of Day

Ms. Meisenzahl asked Honeoye Falls to compare staffing coverage with Mendon to consider coverage on busy times.

Mr. Militello said Honeoye Falls has an administrator who works weekdays from 6 am to 4:30 (06:00 – 16:30 hours) as a pump operator and EMT.

- Mutual Aid and Assistance Graph expresses:
  - Mutual Aid Received
  - Automatic Aid Received
  - Mutual Aid Given
  - Total Aid Received
  - Total Aid Given
  - Total Mutual Aid

Ms. Meisenzahl asked where HFFD goes and what departments come here for mutual assistance and who comes automatically. Chief Trever is gathering that data.

Ms. Meisenzahl asked if there were any questions at this point. There were none.

Mr. Militello reviewed the charts illustrating the locations of fire calls.

- Total Incidents by Protection District from 2015-2022:
  - Village of Honeoye Falls - 954
  - Mendon Fire Protection District – 572 (62 of these within Mendon Ponds Park)
  - West Bloomfield Fire Protection District - 37
  - Mutual Aid - 194

Mr. Militello confirmed that Mendon Ponds Park is in the Mendon Fire Protection District.

Ms. Meisenzahl confirmed the Village fire contract is with the Town of West Bloomfield for the North Bloomfield Fire Protection District.

Ms. Meisenzahl asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Militello reviewed the next chart and content.

- Honeoye Falls Fire Department Equipment Information:
  - Unit Number
  - Equipment Type
  - Make
  - Chassie
  - Year Built
  - Year Purchased
  - Expected Life (years)
  - Expected Replacement (There is an increase in cost)
  - Expected Replacement Cost
  - Seating
  - SCBA Capacity (Air Packs for Interior Fire Fighters)
  
- Honeoye Falls Fire Department Equipment:
  - (560) Quint
  - (562) Engine
  - (563) Engine
  - (566) Squad
  - (567) UTV
  - (5C16) Command (Chief's Tahoe)
  
- Equipment on Each Vehicle:
  - Booster Tank Capacity in US gallons (The amount of water vehicle holds)
  - Supply Hose in feet
  - 1.75" Preconnects in feet
  - 2.5" Preconnects in feet
  - Portable Monitor Preconnect
  - Portable Monitor Compartment
  - Hydraulic Spreader
  - Hydraulic Cutter

- Hydraulic Ram
- Hydraulic “Combi Tool”
- Special Rescue
- Special Equipment

Mr. Militello stated the UTV is used for mud, snow, and long driveways.

Mr. Militello said the four hydraulic tools are known as “The Jaws of Life.”

Mr. Militello reviewed the following for the Honeoye Falls Fire Department

- Apparatus and Equipment Inventory
  - Engine 562 – Primary fire engine
  - Engine 563 – Primary rescue vehicle
  - Quint 560 – Ladder truck
  - Squad 566 – Primary EMS first response vehicle
  - 567 John Deer UTV – has 24 ft enclosed trailer and remote command post

Ms. Meisenzahl asked if there were any questions on the equipment information. There were none.

Ms. Meisenzahl asked if there was anything else to add. Mr. Militello said this is an overview of the Honeoye Falls Fire Department operation.

Ms. Meisenzahl asked Honeoye Falls Fire Department to update information through 2022 to look at the volume of calls, etc. She said to send in new charts, and the Committee will add them to their notebooks.

Regarding Mr. Militello’s presentation, Ms. Meisenzahl stated we will look at Village and Mendon Fire Department vehicle purchases. This will provide insight to vehicle life and possible capital planning for vehicle replacement.

Ms. Meisenzahl inquired what the Village appropriates in Reserve Accounts for the Fire Department and Fire Protection purposes. The Mendon Fire District and the Village are asked to submit their Reserve Account information as part of the financial data for the Committee’s review

Ms. Meisenzahl said when Mendon Fire District presents at the next meeting, we will look to them for similar information.

After the Mendon Fire Department presents their research and data, the Committee will understand both department’s resources in regard to equipment inventory, costs, call response, and better understand replacement schedules and the associated financial implications. More research is necessary for realistic recommendation to the Town.

COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE

- Community Risk Associated with Natural Features and Our Built Landscape
  - Airstrips – none reported
  - Bridges
  - Fuel Storage. Mr. Kester asked about fuel storage for agricultural and business uses. Ms. Jenkins advised Han-Tek, Inc. should be added. Chief Trewer said he will investigate it.
  - Manufacturing and Business Exposures
  - Intersections
  - Roads
  - Streams
  - Dams – are regulated by NYSDEC
  - Pipelines
  - Ponds

Ms. Meisenzahl wants to keep the water features together. She will copy maps from the Town and get to the Committee.

Ms. Jenkins asked about the MCWA facility on Parrish Road. Ms. Meisenzahl will get the information.

Chief Trewer asked about the Pride Street Pond. It is part of the subdivision drainage system.

Mr. Smith asked if solar farms should be on this roster. Chief Trewer advised to add them. Mr. Smith asked if the Honeoye Falls Fire Department is able to do training on the solar farm. Chief Trewer said they are able, but not yet on the installation in the Town.

RESEARCH AND ASSIGNMENT REVIEW

Chief Trewer will research information on Han-Tek, Inc. and the Pride Street Pond.

Ms. Meisenzahl asked if the Committee was good with all the information added tonight.

Mr. Smith stated it is appropriate to hear what Mendon and Fisher have to offer for information.

Chief Kester said he wants to hold off on giving information tonight as Mendon is presenting at the next meeting.

Ms. Meisenzahl reiterated the Committee is not meant to constrain activity that is necessary for operational requirements and expectations.

Chief Chapman said he hopes to have a presence from the Fisher Fire District at the meetings.

No one on Zoom had comments. There was no Public Comment.

The next meeting is August 24, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.