

HAZARDVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

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SHAKER PINES FIRE DISTRICT

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A Special Workshop of the Consolidation Committee was held on Tuesday December 6, 2022 at the Hazardville fire station.

Those present were Chairperson Richard Tkacz, President Peter G. Burk, Vice President Guy Beck, Treasurer/Clerk Thomas Kozikowski, Clerk Margaret Guyette, Facilities Mark Zarcaro, Commissioner Peter Burk, Fire Chief Jack Flanagan, Fire Chief Jim Nolan, Deputy Chief Jamie Hurley, and Deputy Chief Ed Prajzner. Also present was Captain Jason Carlton and Captain Chris Davis.

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

An organization chart has been developed but not adopted by the districts. The firefighters and the Union have seen the chart and had suggestions. Shaker Pines would like to hire three more firefighters for coverage. All the full-time firefighters would work twelve-hour days, for a 42-hour work week. Hazardville is working on a part-time position for their volunteers. If there is a temporary opening in one of their four man shifts, due to vacation or illness, then a volunteer can fill that position, as long as they have the proper training. The part-time person could only work 24 hours per week maximum. Toned call outs are not included in that total.

Both departments respond to the other department calls, except medical. Shaker Pines only responds to medical call when the full-time employees are on shift. The Committee would like in the future that all calls to be covered by both departments. The Chiefs will write a MOU to protect the individual departments. The Commissioners will develop a start date for both departments to respond to all calls.

It was discussed that the new Consolidation Committee for the combined departments will have eight members. There will be two commissioners from each department along with each Chief. The Chiefs may appoint one additional member. A secretary will be at each meeting to record the minutes. This Board will be made up of Vice President Guy Beck, Commissioner Peter Burk, Chief Jim Nolan and Deputy Chief Ed Prajzner for Shaker Pines. Hazardville members will

be Facilities Mark Zarcaro, Chairperson Richard Tkacz, Fire Chief Jack Flanagan, and Deputy Chief Jamie Hurley. Commissioner Margaret Guyette will be the secretary. This will probably start on July 1, 2025. Commissioner Beck presented the Commissioner Rules, as requested by the attorneys. After a brief discussion, a

new line will be added to the Rules, stating that these rules can be amended at any time as needed by a vote of the Committee. A motion was made by Mark Zarcaro to accept the corrected rules and Guy Beck seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all commissioners approved the motion. A monthly meeting of this committee will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next meeting scheduled for January 19, 2023 at Shaker Pines station. Any new department joining this group would have representation for a set number of years, before Commissioners would be elected from the new joint district.

Hazardville is forming a new truck committee and asked if Captain Amanda Mele would be willing to assist them. They also have a special two-month deal with the gym their department goes to that Shaker Pines members could go to for free during that time period.

The Resolutions for each Department, written by the attorneys, had been voted on by each department's Board. A copy of each department's signed Resolutions were exchanged. A motion to accept both Resolutions was made by Mark Zarcaro and Peter G Burk made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous. Guy Beck will send a copy of the Resolution and the Commission Rules to the Town Clerk within the next 90 days.

It was decided that a Special Meeting was not needed for the taxpayers of the districts to vote on the Consolidation. They have been notified of it in the past and approved the monies needed to continue.

Co-Chairmen Mark Zarcaro and Guy Beck will meet with each working group to set the duties of each group.

The meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Guyette

Clerk