

Fire Department Budget Notes

January 20, 2015 6:33pm

All members present except Karen Grybko. Fire Chief McQuade presented the budget. Selectman Mayhew also in attendance along with several town residents.

Dispatching budget up due to an incorrect funding formula being used in the past.

Fire Chief's stipend is up to adjust it in line with other towns of equal size and membership- will study this year.

New Equipment - 3 new Elkhart nozzles needed - 2@\$800, 1@\$400

Change line item 681 "Equip. Cleaning" to "Cleaning & Inspection"

Training line corrected from \$1300 to \$300

Grant applied for to replace Thermal Imaging Camera(s) \$24K. Batteries for old unit hard to find. Could become a separate warrant article.

Grant applied for to replace Tanker - cannot find a replacement chassis that will accept our old tank and fit into building. Current CRF not enough (\$150K) to cover cost of custom-built tanker (\$320K).

Fire Station SW - "I am Responding" @\$1k allows firemen at station to know who is responding to alarm using smart phones APP to plan truck response.

Dues are down - no longer funding Explorer Scout program, students were a little too young for activities. The FD now uses an Intern program with local trade/tech schools that is working better with older participants. LFD no longer part of the Monadnock Fire Chiefs Assoc.

Firefighter stipend was increased last year to cover costs of FED income taxes, this year increase is COLA.

Air pack lease has two years left, then we own them.

Rescue Truck needs brake work.

Radio maintenance is down, pagers working well.

Heating and propane are up, more gallons being used.

Building maintenance is up, they had to replace the septic system last year.

Meet adjourned at 7:25pm