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Board of Fire Engineers Board, Committee, Office, Etc.

Date: February 5, 2018 Time: 6:00 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Piscitelli,
Asst. Chief Silver
Absent: Asst. Chief Gasco (vacation)

Minutes from January 8 & 22, 2018 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

6:00 P.M. COMPANY OFFICERS

The Board met with the company officers. The following were in attendance: Capt. Newlands, Capt. King, Capt. Swenson, Capt. Brock, Lt. Cadrin, Lt. LaVallee, Lt. Siebenhaar, Lt. Kosiba, Lt. King, Lt. Dalton, and Lt. Krumsiek. Items reviewed:

1. Chief Hamilton started the meeting by thanking the officers for the excellent showing for Michael Krumsiek's funeral services—especially Station 5. He asked that the officers pass this on to their stations.
2. Ryan Boucher's father-in-law passed away and services will be held on Thursday. Albert Graves passed away and his services will be held on Wednesday.
3. Eight applications were received to join the fire department. Three were from Explorer Post members.
4. Millbury Self Storage will be adding three buildings to the left of their location on Providence Road. They will be the same as the existing buildings.
5. The triplexes at Stratford Village will have residential sprinkler systems installed.
6. Construction on the first floor at 29 Main Street is set to begin soon. The alarm system is now active. Some repairs have been done on the second floor, but the majority of the work will focus on the basement and first floor.
7. Chief Hamilton submitted an application for the AFG grant. He requested a replacement for Engine 3. He also did a micro grant for gear washer and dryers.
8. An Article will be placed on this year's Town Meeting Warrant for funds to design a new fire station. Another Article will ask for funds for a gear washer and two dryers.
9. District 7 has proposed designating all dispatch centers as "fire alarm" in all towns. In addition, when using the orange channel, Southbridge will be called "District 7 Control". A new designation for the fire alarm truck will need to be determined.
10. An Equine Rescue Training class will be held on 4/14/18 at Tufts. This is open to all.
11. District 7 is offering a pump training class to all district towns.
12. Deputy Chief Rudge thanked the officers for doing a great job. He also said they should be watching out for each other. There are enough younger guys to help with the heavier jobs. He also said the guys did a great job with the Santa runs. It takes time away from their own families, but the people love it. Deputy Chief Rudge also welcomed Lt. Dalton as the newest officer. He said the more experienced offers should offer him their help.
13. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he was pleased with the response to services for Mike Krumsiek. Capt. King mentioned that a lot of people knew Mike from the fire department and the explorer post, and Mike kept involved with the Town. Asst. Chief Piscitelli also thanked the officers for their service and said to keep up the good work.
14. Asst. Chief Silver welcomed Lt. Dalton to his first officers meeting. He said Lt. Dalton has been working well with Capt. Swenson and asked the other officers to offer help if needed. Asst. Chief Silver thanked the guys for the awesome showing for Mike Krumsiek.

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15. Lt. Francis King suggested a flow test be done at Stratford Village. Chief Hamilton will look into this. Lt. King brought the matter of saluting when the national anthem was played in the church at Mike Krumsiek's funeral mass. Chief Hamilton said he researched this and found if you are in uniform but not wearing your hat-then you do not salute. If "hats on" was called for, then you would put on your hat and salute.
16. Lt. Gordon Siebenhaar said he needs new batteries for the saw-z-all. Asst. Chief Gasco was going to purchase them.
17. Lt. Joseph Kosiba said he will be out of town on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. He asked if it was still unsafe to enter the building at 27 Maple Street. Chief Hamilton will check on the status. Lt. Kosiba also told the Board that the structure at Fjellman Road has been taken down.
18. Lt. Jason Cadrin asked about the building at 58 West Main Street. He was told the building is being taken down and will be rebuilt. Lt. Cadrin said Engine 1 needs a window regulator. One will be ordered. Lt. Cadrin simply asked "sirens"? This got a laugh from the other officers.
19. Capt. David King was concerned with F2 being left unprotected in the parking lot. He asked if a metal building could be put up or if the truck could be housed indoors. Chief Hamilton said a metal building is expensive and right now, there is no room to put the truck indoors.
20. Chief Hamilton noted that Millbury will soon be housing a forestry tanker truck from Sutton.
21. Capt. Keith Newlands asked if ice rescue training will be included in the training schedule. He was told it would be included.
22. Capt. Stephen Brock suggested revising the instructions for the use of the 4" hydrant assist valve. Engine 5 had trouble using the valve in Grafton. This will be looked into.
23. Lt. Andrew Krumsiek asked if grants or other funds were available for new radios. Chief Hamilton said not at this time. New mics were purchased for Asst. Chiefs Gasco & Piscitelli to address the problem when the mic gets wet. There hasn't been an opportunity to use them yet. Lt. Krumsiek asked about access keys for 50 Howe Avenue. Chief Hamilton will check the keys in the Knox Boxes to be sure they are correct.
24. Lt. Brian Dalton thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

DISTRICT 7 RIT POLICY

The Board reviewed the Rapid Intervention Policy (RIT) prepared by District 7 to be used by all towns. This will ensure that everyone is on the same page and operating in the same manner. Asst. Chief Silver said the RIT policy includes a lot of what is taught at the Dept. of Fire Services. The Board will review the policy and make a decision when all members are present.

TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2018

Asst. Chief Silver proposed the following training schedule for February:

February 12:	All Stations	Hydrogen Cyanide at Fire HQ
February 19:	Holiday	
February 26:	All Stations	Lightweight Construction at Fire HQ

Both classes are part of the impact series offered by the Department of Fire Services. Pre-registration is required. Board members approved the schedule.

PRE INCIDENT PLANS

There was nothing new to report on pre-incident plans.

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OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton reported District 7 is offering a pump training program available to all towns in the district. The cost is \$185 per person. The Board may consider this when pump training is needed,
- Board members reviewed the opinion from Dave Marciello and Town Counsel regarding the designation of a fire investigator for the Fire Department. Overall, both stated this should not increase the Town's liability and may even create less liability. Deputy Chief Rudge suggested that because they were creating a new position, they should wait for a full Board to be present.
- Chief Hamilton read a letter from District 7 about using the term "fire alarm" for dispatch centers. Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to use the term "fire alarm" for the dispatch center. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 4-0 vote. Chief Hamilton will speak with Chief Desorcy and the dispatchers. The change will go into effect on 2/11/18.
- Trippi's Uniforms gave an estimate of \$2800 to outfit all members with the bell style uniform cap. This could be taken from the gift account after the ID machine is purchased. No final decision was made.
- The Board agreed to cancel the meetings scheduled for 2/26/18 and 4/2/18. The schedule for March will remain the same (3/5 & 3/19). And, a meeting will be posted for 4/9/18. The necessary forms will be submitted to the Town Clerk.
- Opticomms will be available soon for Engine 1 and Rescue 1. Work will be done in the station.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked if Recruit Cluett needed to go through DFS training. He was told yes. Cluett completed the physical ability test when he was on before but did not go through the recruit class.
- Deputy Chief Rudge noted there was a new propane filling station being installed at Tractor Supply. This puts them over the 2000-gallon limit. Chief Hamilton said a license was issued to the property. The new tank will be inspected once it is installed.
- Deputy Chief Rudge wanted to be sure the Public Safety Site Committee was prepared to submit an article for plans for new fire and police buildings. Chief Hamilton said they will submit an Article for Town Meeting.
- Asst. Chief Silver said Engine 3 will be available for Al Graves' services on Thursday.
- Asst. Chief Silver said his radio is not working. He will bring it in this week for repairs.

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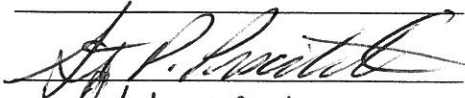
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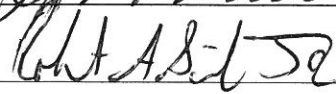
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Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 19:30.









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Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk