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

Date: February 11, 2019

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Piscitelli,
Asst. Chief Silver

Absent: Asst. Chief Gasco

Minutes from January 28, 2019 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

PRE INCIDENT PLANS

There were no pre incident plans to review.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton met with the Town Manager and Finance Director to review the FY20 budget. Mr. Marciello increased the salaries/stipends for all personnel except clerical by 2.5%. He also increased the salary for the fire chief by 20%. The truck repair line item was increased by \$10,000. Capital Outlay included \$8000 to upgrade station lighting, and \$8000 for a gear dryer. An Article for \$8000 will be placed on the Warrant for another gear dryer. Funds for the Article were taken from the Capital Outlay account. Mr. Marciello and Mr. Vanni will support an article for the replacement of Engine 3.
- Rick and Linda DeWolfe donated \$1200 in memory of their son Tom DeWolfe. The Selectmen will be notified and the funds placed in the gift account.
- Chief Hamilton set up the new ID machine. A badge is being designed and pictures will be taken soon.
- The Mass. Call/Volunteer Recruit Training Class will hold graduation on 2/27/19 at 7:00p.m. in Stow. Mitchell Robbins and Myles Hebert will graduate.
- The Selectmen will give a plaque to Stephen Brock on 2/26/19 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mark S. Strom would like to do a pinning ceremony for his son on 2/14/19. Discussion took place. Board members agreed to allow the ceremony but it should be done at HQ or Station 5 and not a Selectmen's meeting. It will be informal and whoever wants to attend can.
- A company officers meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Fire HQ.
- Frank Stachura's father-in-law passed away. Services will be held on 2/14/19 at 10:00 a.m. at Roney's in Grafton.
- Chief Hamilton inspected 283 West Main Street with the Building Inspector. Mr. Stringham is preparing the paperwork to condemn the

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- building and mark it with an "X". The building at 124 Worcester Providence Turnpike was also inspected. It is collapsing and will be boarded and marked with an "X".
- Company captains returned their OSHA inspection forms. Chief Hamilton said most of the items are minor and will be addressed.
 - Chief Hamilton would like to have some old fire department pictures restored. The cost is about \$62 each and they would be done over time. The pictures would be hung in the new fire station. Discussion took place. Board members agreed to have the pictures restored.
 - Edd Cote took pictures of Millbury's living chiefs since 1992. Richard Hamilton, David Rudge, Philip J. Day, Jr. and Matthew Belsito were included. Tom Nault did not participate.
 - Chief Hamilton would like to have the fire department pay the \$50 FPAM membership fee for the FPO1 officers (Newlands and Breault). He told the Board attending the meetings would help them with recertification. Discussion took place. Board members agreed to pay the membership fee.
 - A Southern Worcester County group of fire safety educators will meet on 2/26/19 to go over and share resources. Asst. Chief Silver plans to attend.
 - The Office of Emergency Medical services is trying to limit the use of lights and sirens for non-critical patients. Though not fire department related, Chief Hamilton felt the Board should be aware of this because it could affect response times in Town and delay transportation of patients.
 - Deputy Chief Rudge asked for an update on the new fire station. He was told the contract was sent to the architect. It is important to get the word out about the building and hold informational meetings. The Committee will meet again before Town Meeting. Also, the Town may be eligible for a long term, low interest loan offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
 - Asst. Chief Silver would like to attend a course being offered in Worcester dealing with interviews and non-verbal cues when doing fire investigation. The cost is \$250 and would help with continuing education credits. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to have the fire department pay for the class. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 4-0 vote.
 - VFIS will provide an estimate to increase the years of service to 47 beginning 7/1/19. Next year, the Board will look into increasing the dollar amount per year.
 - A new phone line should be installed at Station 2 by 3/1/19. The new number is 508-865-4050.
 - Chief Hamilton said American Dryer Corp. no longer offers a stainless steel cabinet for the gear dryer. No action was taken at this time.

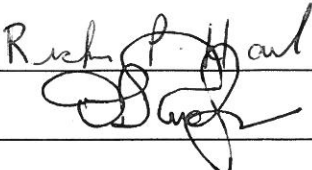
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Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 19:30.





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Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk