

MINUTES

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

Date: April 22, 2019 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver
Absent: None

Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

REVIEW QUARTERLIES

Board members were satisfied with the Quarterly Reports from all stations.

UNIFORM HASH MARKS (YEARS OF SERVICE)

The Board reviewed a survey done by Spencer Fire on the use of hash marks for years of service. Of the 21 towns surveyed, only eight did not use them. Discussion took place. Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to place a hash mark on Millbury uniforms for every five-years of service. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote. It was agreed to start with Board members when funds are available. Chief Hamilton will check out designs.

PRE-INCIDENT PLANS

There were no pre incident plans to review.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton told the Board that all SCBA's were tested and repaired. The storage closet has been put back in order, and there are tags to be used when a unit is out of service. Asst. Chief Gasco was happy to hear this. Also, MSA created a tool to handle an issue with the buddy breathers. The tool will clear (reset) the buddy breather. This will be labeled and placed in the storage closet.
- New gear was distributed to several firefighters. This was purchased with funds provided by the State with the help of Senator Moore. A set of loaner gear is available in each station that can be used when gear is being washed.
- The gear dryer was installed at Fire HQ. Chief Hamilton said it worked great.
- Rep. Paul Frost notified the Selectmen's Office that State funds were available for special projects. Chief Hamilton submitted a request for another gear dryer and thermal imagers for the SCBA's.
- The Fire Department received a \$1600 rebate for the installation of a gas boiler at Station 3. Funds will be returned to the FY19 budget.
- FF. Langevin, FF. Robbins, and FF. Hebert are scheduled for new gear. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to purchase three sets of gear. This was

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- seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 5-0 vote. Though the gear will be ordered now, it may not be received until the summer.
- The Pinecrest Baptist Church is doing extensive renovations to its location at 379 Greenwood Street. It will comply with current codes.
 - Clear View Terrace is the name of the development going in at Clearview Country Club. Chief Hamilton attended a meeting regarding the project and said 140-units were proposed. The developer will also bring sewer & water lines up Park Hill Avenue (Martin Street side) and upgrade drainage. A 10" main will be installed with a pumping station. The developers were asked to upgrade Martin Street from Dewey Ave to Park Hill.
 - Engine 1 is scheduled to participate in this year's Little League Parade on 4/29/19.
 - Rescue 1 will go in for service on 4/24/19. Stations 2 & 3 will be done in May. Station 5 was done on 4/19/19.
 - Grafton's new tanker/pumper should be in service within a month.
 - Signs to mark the buildings at 124 Worcester Providence Tpke & 283 West Main Street have been ordered. The Fire Department will pay for them.
 - The V.F.W. Post is hosting a First Responder Appreciation Dinner on 4/26/19. Firefighters, police officers, EMS, and members of the V.F.W. are invited to attend.
 - Test borings were done at the sites for the new Police and Fire stations. Results will be reviewed at the Building Committee meeting on 4/25/19.
 - Asst. Chief Gasco put together a training schedule through the end of June. It was distributed to all stations.
 - Gary Frazier asked for a permit to conduct a bon fire on Dorothy Pond on 7/3/19. Board members would approve a permit. Chief Hamilton will check regulations before issuing one.
 - A company officers meeting will be held on 5/20/19 at 6:00 p.m.
 - The Board discussed the fire that occurred earlier today at 83 South Oxford Road. The resident received severe burns on his face/neck and suffered smoke inhalation. Lt. King was taken to the emergency room for overexertion. He was treated and released.
 - The Brierly Pond Condo Association agreed to purchase something to access the smoke detectors on the cathedral ceilings in the units. Asst. Chief Gasco suggested a 10' ladder. He has one and will try it to see how it works. The ladder would be placed in the clubhouse and be available to the residents and Fire Department.
 - ID pictures will be taken on 4/29/19.

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Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 19:20.

Rich F. Hal

Brian K. Gusco
St. P. Piscitelli

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