

MINUTES

Board of Fire Engineers
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Date: September 11, 2017 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver
Absent: None

Minutes from August 14, 2017 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

6:45 P.M. FF. OTHONIEL MEDINA

FF. Medina informed Chief Hamilton that he would not have a free Monday night to meet with the Board until December. The Board will not reappoint him until he meets with them. Asst. Chief Silver will try to contact Medina.

7:00 P.M. FF. NEAL MORRISSEY

FF. Morrissey met with the Board and explained his low attendance was due to conditions at work. He has a new position now and is more available. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he hoped Morrissey was sincere and that it is important to be there for Monday night training too. Deputy Chief Rudge said we all work but we all need to respond. Asst. Gasco said you can be the best firefighter, but if you're not there it doesn't help the department. Asst. Chief Silver said FF. Morrissey should let his captain know what is going on next time. Chief Hamilton then called for a motion. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to reappoint Neal Morrissey as a firefighter retroactive to July 1, 2017. Asst. Chief Silver made a second to the motion and it carried on a 5-0 vote. FF. Morrissey left the meeting.

7:15 P.M. LT. JASON CADRIN

Lt. Cadrin met with the Board to review his encounter with Lt. Couture after the Burbank Street fire. Lt. Cadrin said he wasn't yelling when he approached Lt. Couture; he was talking sternly. He was upset with what he thought Lt. Couture did to the firefighters on Tower 1 and wanted to get his point across. Chief Hamilton said the apron at Fire HQ was not the place to do that. Board members agreed that Lt. Cadrin could have handled the situation differently. Lt. Cadrin said he understood what the Board was saying and he learned from this. The Board thanked him for coming in and agreed that no further action was necessary.

7:15 P.M. FF. STEVEN KOSIBA

FF. Steven Kosiba met with the Board to discuss the captain's position at Station 3. He is interested but not comfortable with leaving the guys at Station 2. He said in the next five-years there will be a lot of changes at Station 2 and he would like to move up (in rank) there. Serving as captain at Station 3 will give him some experience. He asked if he could apply for positions at Station 2 when they open

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up, and he wants to continue to respond with Station 2 for all mutual aid calls. The Board had several questions about how FF. Kosiba would handle the crew, what he thought of the crew, and if it would be a deal-breaker if he was not allowed to respond to mutual aid calls with Station 2. FF. Kosiba said he is familiar with the crew at Station 3-he's worked with them on daytime calls. He thinks they need some guidance and feels he can work with them. He would need to consider not being able to respond with Station 2 on mutual aid calls. The Board thanked him for coming in.

Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco would like to appoint FF. Steven Kosiba tonight as a temporary captain at Station 3. Deputy Chief Rudge said this might help the lieutenant step up and help the crew learn something. Board members agreed they were not in favor of allowing FF. Kosiba to respond with Station 2 for mutual aid calls. Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked how the crew would react to having Kosiba as captain. Asst. Chief Silver said he told the crew that no one at the station was ready (to be captain) and that it would be his recommendation that someone from another station be appointed. He also said he would like to see if anyone else is interested. He wanted to open it up to the entire department. He felt FF. Swenson could do the job-he saw the pump training and felt Swenson already has the respect. Chief Hamilton said he was in favor of FF. Swenson but would like to open it to the department too. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to post the captain's position at Station 3 to all members who have a minimum of 10-years experience and to have them come in on 10/2/17 for an interview. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote.

PRE INCIDENT PLANS

There was nothing new to report on pre incident plans.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- The Board reviewed a training schedule for October through December as prepared by Asst. Chief Gasco and Asst. Chief Silver. Two training classes need to be confirmed. After review, Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to approve the training schedule as written pending confirmation of two classes. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- Chief Hamilton suggested scrapping the old hose washer at Station 2 and the hose reel at Station 3. Board members agreed.
- The Dept. of Fire Services and the Worcester Fire Department are interested in the old 3" hose. Chief Hamilton will arrange to have the hose picked up.
- Chief Hamilton reported there might be a mouse nest in Engine 2's hose bed. The crew will check tonight. They will also remove piping in the station from the old truck exhaust system.

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- The Plymovent exhaust systems are complete in all stations. The company will look at Hose 1 again to determine a way to include the truck. They will also do a routine check in six months.
- The fire alarm system at Station 2 is complete. There were problems with the wiring at Station 3 and Station 5, but they have been resolved. HQ's system will be worked on next.
- Matt Anderson did a great job in creating a walkway for the ambulance crew to get to the ambulance building in the back of Fire HQ. FF. Anderson donated the material and his time. The Board will send him a thank you.
- Chief Hamilton informed the Board about a meeting with National Grid, and representatives from Sutton, Grafton, and Auburn. A new process is being implemented for restoring power in emergencies. Crews and trucks will be staged in Millbury on Cross Street. Chief Hamilton was appointed as the zone manager for the area. He will be the liaison between the towns and National Grid and will help to determine the priority of the repairs.
- Chief Hamilton said he would like to order more Minitor VI pagers. Motorola no longer repairs the Minitor V's and more are out of service. He suggested 20 pagers at a cost of \$491 ea. (includes warranty). They would be distributed by seniority starting with company officers. Asst. Chief Gasco suggested purchasing 10 now and 10 later. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to purchase 20 Minitor VI pagers. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- The Board discussed the article in Firehouse Magazine that outlined the problems at a recent fire in Oxford. Chief Hamilton had a copy for the Board to read.
- FF. Steven Kosiba will be asked for an update on the Department ID's when he meets with the Board.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked about the testing at Ramshorn. Chief Hamilton said a 6" adapter was needed and one was ordered. Re-testing will be done on 9/15/17.
- Asst. Chief Gasco said he hasn't had time to connect Station 2's generator and suggested asking someone else. Deputy Chief Rudge said take care of it.
- Asst. Chief Gasco asked for an update on the fire chief's vehicle. Chief Hamilton said he had nothing new to report.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said the Lion's Club is sponsoring a car show on 9/17/17 at Windle Field. He thought it would be a show of support if firefighters attending could wear fire department shirts. The Board agreed and a notice will be sent out.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli reported that the parking lot at Wheelock Inn has been repaved and a helipad was outlined in the rear of the building. This could be used as a landing zone for Life Flight.

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- Asst. Chief Silver asked Asst. Chief Piscitelli if he looked at the wall at Station 3. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he did and felt it wasn't a concern. He said the decorative block is crumbling and that it could be scrapped and painted.
- Asst. Chief Silver said he watched the pump training last Saturday. FF. Swenson did a good job. Silver questioned the way Swenson was going to test the guys. He felt they should be told it was a test. FF. Swenson wasn't going to tell them and if they completed the maneuver, they would pass. Discussion took place. The Board agreed that FF. Swenson was familiar with the guys and it should be his call on testing.
- F & D Truck will provide an estimate for removing the exhaust line at Station 2 because asbestos is present.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked that a reminder be sent out for the Firefighters Memorial Service scheduled for 9/24/17. A notice will be sent.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 20:30.









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Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk