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

Date: October 1, 2018 Time: 6:00 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver
Absent: None

Minutes from September 10, 2018 were corrected and approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

COMPANY OFFICERS MEETING

The following officers met with the Board of Fire Engineers: Capt. Newlands, Capt. Brock, Capt. Swenson, Lt. Cadrin, Lt. Kosiba, Lt. King, Lt. Dalton, and Lt. Krumsiek. The following items were reviewed:

1. Tours of the Sunrise Detox center were being done tonight. Knox boxes are located at the front and rear doors. Access codes are needed for the interior doors-although they release when the alarm sounds. An open house will be held next week.
2. A public forum will be held on 10/10/18 at the Library to review a cannabis grow facility planned for Latti Farm Road. This will take place the same time as the Fire Department's Open House so parking may be a problem.
3. Truck repairs have been on-going. Chief Hamilton told the group that while driving Engine 4 to SVI, the back intake broke. FF. LaCrosse pulled the truck over and had to dump the tank. This will be repaired as well.
4. Massachusetts has become an "OSHA" state. Beginning in February 2019, the fire department will have to comply with OSHA regulations. Chief Hamilton will distribute some of the checklists for the officers to review. He would like each station to do a self-evaluation based on the checklists and provide him with feedback.
5. Lt. King asked if the Fire Department could provide a letter for Aquarion Water confirming that the three firefighters who work for Aquarion are trained in confined space rescue. Chief Hamilton said the Board would discuss this later.
6. Two multi-family homes were proposed for the corner of West Main and Beach Street. A flow test done for the project showed the hydrant in front of old Station 2 provided only 650-gpm. It may be taken out of service. Lt. King said he thought you could get more out of the hydrant. He will look into this. He said the hydrant at Horne Way can provide over a 1000-gpm.
7. The Police Chief renamed the address for the apartments at 51 Howe Avenue to Cobblestone Village Way. This will be Engine 5's district.
8. A new type of Tyvex was used on the buildings going up at 2 Gould Street. Some members questioned if it was fire-resistive. Chief Hamilton said it was approved by the Building Inspector.
9. The installation of the smoke detectors provided by the American Red Cross was rescheduled to October 13, 2018. Asst. Chief Silver is still looking for help with the project.

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10. Chief Hamilton went to Housing Court for 32/34 Main Street. He wants the sprinkler system reactivated. The Court ordered that the system be reactivated within three-weeks.
11. The National Honor Society will hold their annual bon fire on 10/10/18 at the High School. Forestry 1 will be present.
12. The Open House will be held on 10/10/18. Help would be appreciated.
13. Chief Hamilton is getting three quotes for the boiler at Station 3. The project is moving along.
14. All Board members noted the guys are doing a great job and to keep up the good work.
15. Asst. Chief Silver said the school visits will be done the week of 10/15/18. He is looking for help.
16. Capt. Newlands asked if there was any information on the house being torn down on Burbank Street. No information was available.
17. Lt. King said Aquarion Water might shut off the water to 175 West Main Street soon. He will keep the Board updated.
18. Lt. Krumsiek asked about marking the apartment buildings at 68A Millbury Avenue. He was told that they go A, B, C, and D.
19. Lt. Kosiba asked if there was any update on those injured in the accident on Rt. 146. Chief Hamilton said the parents of one of the injured came in and thanked him for the great job the crew did in quickly extricating their soon. They saved his life.
20. Lt. Cadrin asked about sirens. He was told no.
21. Chief Hamilton told everyone that the on/off ramp at Sycamore Street east and Rt. 146 is closed at least for the duration of construction.
22. Chief Hamilton said he updated the District 7 tanker strike team cards. Everyone should review them.

7:45 P.M. - FF. D J. LIZOTTE

FF. Donald Lizotte met with the Board of Fire Engineers. After some discussion, Chief Hamilton asked FF. Lizotte if he used Forestry 1 to pick up his girlfriend. FF. Lizotte said he did but couldn't explain why. He apologized and knew it was wrong. He was told this was a direct violation of fire department regulations. He was asked if he knew who broke the man door at Station 3. He said he did not. Each Board member spoke to FF. Lizotte and emphasized, that although he is senior man, this only applies to fireground operations when no company officers are present. The Board appreciates his dedication and his willingness to help out-but he should not overstep his bounds. He should be leading by example. FF. Lizotte apologized for his actions and left the meeting. Chief Hamilton asked the Board what they wanted to do. Discussion took place. The Board agreed to give FF. Lizotte a verbal warning.

PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST UPDATE

The building in Hudson where the physical ability tests (PAT) are done was found to be structurally unsound. At this time, PAT's are not being done. One plan was to let the recruits enroll in the training program and take the PAT

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when it is available. Discussion took place. The Board agreed to wait until the State comes up with an alternative location. This will affect Recruits Gasco and Bedard.

PRE INCIDENT PLANS

There were no pre incident plans to review.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- The piping, wire, and other equipment for running the fire alarm wire underground has been received.
- The annual Firefighters Memorial Service held on 9/30/18 was well attended. Board members were happy with the turnout.
- Registered letters will be sent to the former/current members who need to return town-owned gear. They will be told that if the items are not returned by 10/29/18, a police officer will be sent to their homes to collect them.
- Sunrise Detox will hold an Open House on 10/9/18 from 11 to 2. Board members are invited to attend.
- There was no update on the ID machine.
- Chief Hamilton gave the following Apparatus Report based on PM forms done in September:

Engine 1: generator problems

Tower 1: left rear compartment shelf needs additional bracket

Rescue 1: fittings for hydraulic system leaking

Engine 2: all set

Engine 4: at SVI for repairs

Hose 1: driver's side rear spot light out, fuel gauge not working, shift knob stripped, rear lower strobe out

Engine 3: compartment lights, misc. problems

Forestry 1: lightbar lights out

Engine 5: passenger flood light out

MISC: 9/13/18 SVI replaced water tank gauge, passenger rear window regulator, repaired lightbar white lights and tank fill handle on Engine 1; 9/20/18 Town Mechanic serviced Car 1; 9/25/18 Car 1 undercoated by Ziebart; 9/26/18 SVI repaired driver's side quartz light, repaired trash line valve, check cab lift, repaired driver's rear inside cab molding, recharged A/C and fixed washer hose on Engine 2. Engine 5 needs a couple more repairs.

- Boucher Energy gave an estimate of \$29,000 for the boiler replacement at Station 3.
- Chief Hamilton asked what the Board's opinion on changing the uniform hat to bell shaped. Discussion took place. Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to change the uniform hat to bell shaped. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 5-0 vote. Chief Hamilton will arrange the sizing and purchase of the hats.

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- Deputy Chief Rudge asked about the exhaust drop for Hose 1. Chief Hamilton said the chairs and other items against the back wall are blocking the installation. The items need to be moved.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked if anymore was known about the houses going in at West Main St and McGrath Road. He heard seventy apartments were going in. Chief Hamilton will check on this.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked about a charger for the Grafton radio. Chief Hamilton said it was on order.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked about a Dig Safe number for the Shaw School. He was told Gordon Siebenhaar would apply for one when a date for the work is set.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked for an update on a gear washer for Station 5. Chief Hamilton said he is waiting for the State Fire Marshal to determine which departments will receive free washers.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked why FF. Lizotte was meeting with the Board. Chief Hamilton and Asst. Chief Silver explained some issues at Station 3 including FF. Lizotte allowing his girlfriend to ride on Engine 3.
- Asst. Chief Silver asked about the date for the joint District 7 R.I.T. meeting. He was told it is scheduled for the end of October and the idea is to develop a standard for the District to use. Each Fire Department will send 3 or 4 firefighters to the meeting to develop standards. This will be forwarded to each chief for their input. The Board agreed one member from each station should attend.
- Chief Hamilton attended the District 7 meeting last week. He said Chief Belsito is organizing a "Rescue University" to be held on a weekend in October 2019 in Grafton. Classes will be held at a cost of \$50 for each firefighter.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked about a meeting for the Public Safety Complex Committee. A meeting is scheduled for 10/4/18 and 10/11/18. The Committee is seeking proposals for concept designs.
- Engine 3's replacement will be on the warrant for next year's Town Meeting.
- Chief Hamilton took the AFG Grant Writing class in Stow. The instructor was Dave Parr who is also a reviewer for the grants.
- State funding for new gear has not been received. Asst. Chief Silver said there is a letter that needs to be signed by the Town Manager and returned. Chief Hamilton will check on this. Asst. Chief Gasco would like his gear and helmet ordered now. Deputy Chief Rudge made a motion to order gear and a helmet for Asst. Chief Gasco. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- The High School will do an A.L.I.C.E. drill on 10/4/18. Chief Hamilton is looking for help.

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- Chief Hamilton saw Bill Stevens recently. He is doing better but not 100% yet.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn at 20:00.

Richy P. Hat
W. D. [unclear]
Bruce R. [unclear]
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Colt A. [unclear]
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Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk

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