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

Date: November 6, 2017 Time: 6:00 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli
Absent: Asst. Chief Silver

Minutes from October 2, and October 16, 2017 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

Asst. Chief Silver was accepted into the National Fire Academy's *Fire Investigation Essentials* Course being held in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Classes started today and will run for two-weeks.

6:00 P.M. COMPANY OFFICERS MEETING

In attendance: Capt. Dave King, Capt. Keith Newlands, Capt. Stephen Brock, Capt. Walter Swenson, Lt. Joseph Kosiba, Lt. Jason Cadrin, Lt. Richard LaVallee, and Lt. Gordon Siebenhaar. The following items were reviewed:

1. Chief Hamilton said the Board is considering going to a "bell" style uniform hat rather than the 8-point. He asked for comments.
2. Chief Hamilton said both AFG applications were denied. One was for the replacement of Engine 3 and the other was for hose.
3. The dry hydrant at Ramshorn Dam is in and operational. An adapter and cap was placed on the hydrant-it will remain in place. The Board is waiting for two lengths of hard suction. The bridge should be opened by the end of November.
4. Chief Hamilton reviewed a Class C uniform. This consists of MFD golf shirt, blue Dickie pants (not jeans), and black shoes. Each member must buy his own pants and shoes.
5. The building at 29 Main Street was sold. It will be used as a detox center for both inpatient/outpatient. Interior renovations will begin soon-meaning the building will no longer be available for training.
6. The Board was disappointed with the attendance at the Ladies Auxiliary Dinner. Chief Hamilton stressed that we need to support them.
7. The next three Monday training sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Joe Nedder will present fire awareness classes (fire travel, flow path, reading fire/smoke). A live-burn will be part of the finale.
8. The first tri-plex is being constructed at Stratford Village. The building will be sprinkled with a 1" ½ connection.
9. District 7 is offering a "Mayday" program on 12/7/17 in Auburn presented by Capt. Brigham. The "Charleston 9" will be presented by Dr. Griffin in February or March. This reviews the furniture store fire in Charleston that claimed nine firefighters. All are invited to attend.
10. Chief Hamilton is looking for help with the food drive being held on 11/11/17 from 9 to 1 at Goretta's.

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11. The Police Department is doing a "no shave" November to raise funds. Chief Hamilton asked for ideas for the fire department. A boot drive may be held.
12. Deputy Chief Rudge welcomed Walter Swenson as the new captain of Station 3-he asked the seasoned captains to extend a hand to help if needed. He also thanked the guys for the good job they are doing.
13. Asst. Chief Gasco also thanked the guys for doing a great job with all the recent fires in Town.
14. Asst. Chief Piscitelli agreed saying the Board appreciates what you do and to keep it up.
15. Chief Hamilton told the group that Asst. Chief Silver was accepted into the National Fire Academy's Fire Investigation Essentials class. This is a two-week course held in Emmitsburg, MD.
16. Chief Hamilton asked each officer for any comments/questions. Capt. King said Station 2 will be shorthanded this weekend with many going up north. Coverage will be arranged. Lt. Cadrin reported Engine 1's siren needs to be repaired. It stays on and can't be turned off. Chief Hamilton will look into this.
17. Chief Hamilton issued a violation to Feng's Asian Bistro for allowing workers to sleep in storage areas.
18. The Building Inspector shut down work being done at 27 Maple Street. At this time, the building is unsafe to enter.
19. Chief Hamilton thanked those who have been doing reports-it's much appreciated.

6:45 P.M. FF. WILLIAM STEVENS

FF. Stevens met with the Board to talk about his assignment when he returns from his leave. He was leaning towards a transfer to Fire HQ. This would give him the opportunity to learn the Tower and Rescue. Board members questioned if his attendance would improve. FF. Stevens said his work schedule is tough but over the years, his attendance has been adequate. He was told that regardless of his experience and service, if he's not here, he can't help. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to transfer FF. Stevens from Station 3 to Fire HQ when he returns from his leave of absence. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 4-0 vote. FF. Stevens mentioned that he was being treated for a medical issue while he was on leave. He was told he must submit a doctor's letter stating he can return to active duty before returning from his leave.

S.O.P.-FORESTRY 1

Board members reviewed a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the use of Forestry 1. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to accept the SOP as written. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 4-0 vote.

PRE INCIDENT PLANS

There was nothing new to report on pre incident plans.

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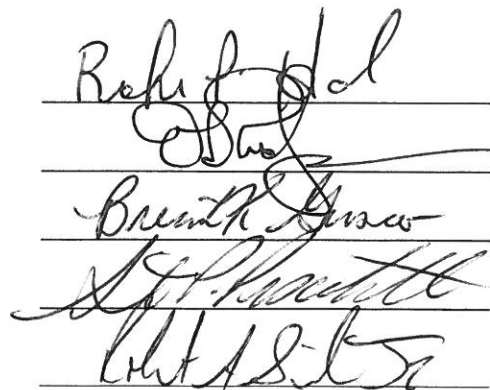
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OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton received the new chief's vehicle. He said he is waiting for a cover for the back; otherwise, the vehicle is all set.
- Board members agreed to turn over the old chief's vehicle to the Town Manager as surplus equipment. Chief Hamilton requested that the truck be donated to Northbridge Fire. They have an interest in using the vehicle to do inspections. The Town Manager will be notified.
- The Board will review increasing fees at the next meeting.
- Asst. Chief Gasco asked if there was an update on Capt. Swenson is doing. Chief Hamilton said he is doing well and has handled a couple of issues on his own.
- Deputy Chief Rudge said the generator at Station 2 should be up and running next week.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked if there was a list of abandoned properties in Millbury. It would be good if the firefighters were aware of the properties. Discussion took place. Chief Hamilton will work on this.
- Colton Paszkowski graduated from the Mass. Fire Academy's recruit training class on 11/1/17. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to appoint Paszkowski as a regular firefighter effective 11/1/17. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 4-0 vote. In accordance with fire department procedures, FF. Paszkowski will receive a rate of \$10 per response until he completes driver training and pump operations.

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



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