

MINUTES

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

Date: November 20, 2017 Time: 6:300 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Gasco,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli, Asst. Chief Silver
Absent: None

Minutes from November 6, 2017 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

Asst. Chief Silver graduated from the National Fire Academy's *Fire Investigation Essentials* Course in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

PRE INCIDENT PLANS

Deputy Chief Rudge had some information for Chief Hamilton regarding the Bramanville Industrial Park.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- W.D. Perkins will do a pump test on Engine 3 tomorrow at Ramshorn. American Test Center will test all ladders on 12/11/17. Test results will be provided to ISO.
- Springfield Fire had surplus equipment that they donated to Millbury. This included 5" hose, gate valves, manifolds, and new helmets that will be used by the Explorers. The items are being stored at Station 2.
- Budgets for FY19 are due next week. Chief Hamilton proposed including a stipend for a Public Education Coordinator and a Fire Prevention Coordinator. He also wants to include a stipend for anyone who is certified as a Fire Prevention Officer I. Capital Outlay items will include funds for 4" hose, small pumps, and an exhaust drop for Hose 1. An Article will be submitted seeking funds for design plans for a new fire station. The 5-year plan will include: replacement of Engine 3, a new fire station, and replacement of Engine 1.
- The Town Manager asked for a list of capital requests. This will be submitted to Senator Moore for possible funding. The Board mentioned several ideas-including replacing Engine 3, a set of JAWS for Engine 3, and a new generator for Station 3. The list is due by 12/31/17. The Board will finalize this at the next meeting.
- The Board reviewed a list of proposed fee increases as prepared by Chief Hamilton. Most fees will increase to \$40. After some discussion, Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to increase permit fees beginning January 1, 2018. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 5-0 vote. The Selectmen will be asked to approve the increases.

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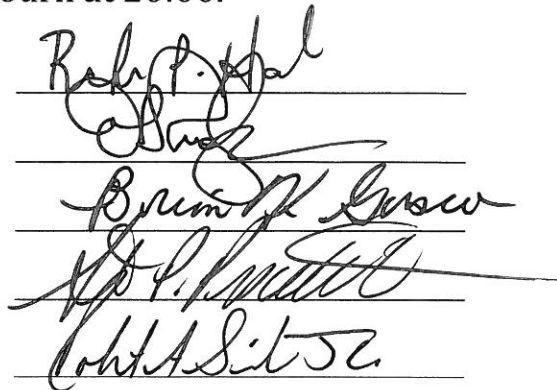
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- Asst. Chief Gasco reported he had a tear in his bunker coat. It will be sent to Globe for repair.
- Chief Hamilton said the owner of 9 Railroad Avenue will provide a layout of the building and a list of the current occupants. A pre-plan will be drawn up. This brought about a lengthy discussion of the fire that occurred there over the weekend. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said the radio issues during the fire need to be addressed and Asst. Chief Gasco asked for a water proof mic.
- Deputy Chief Rudge reported the generator at Station 2 was wired wrong. Instead of using 120-amp, 220 was used. This caused the heat and lights to short out in the building. The company that did the work will fix the error.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked about an exhaust drop for Hose 1. Chief Hamilton said Plymovent will provide an estimate and the item will be included in next year's capital outlay budget.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked how quickly do we have to swap the hose on Hose 1. Chief Hamilton said not until July.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked about the lieutenant's position at Station 3. Both Chief Hamilton and Asst. Chief Silver commented that Capt. Swenson is doing a good job and that the station "has been stepping up". Both thought it was too early to make a decision on the position.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked if there was anything new to report on a new fire station. He was told there was no update.
- Asst. Chief Gasco will take the K12 saw to Rt. 146 Supply for repairs.
- Asst. Chief Gasco asked if there was any feedback on the Railroad Avenue fire. He was told no.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli asked if the Railroad Avenue property was ever inspected. He was told no recent inspection was done.
- Asst. Chief Silver said he graduated from the National Fire Academy class with an 86 average. He is designated as a "Fire Investigator Technician". He would like to take more classes as they become available.

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



The block contains four handwritten signatures, each written over a horizontal line. From top to bottom, the signatures appear to be: Robert P. Hamilton, Bruce K. Grew, [unclear], and [unclear].

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