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

Date: May 20, 2013 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Day, Asst. Chief Hamilton,
Asst. Chief Hobin, Asst. Chief Gasco
Absent: None

Minutes from April 29 and May 6, 2013 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

6:45 P.M. INTERVIEW-MICHAEL NOWICKI

Michael Nowicki met with the Board to review his application for membership. Mr. Nowicki completed District 7 and was an Auburn firefighter. He is also an EMT. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to appoint Mr. Nowicki as a recruit in training pending a physical exam, CORI report, and physical ability test. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 5-0 vote. He will be assigned to Fire HQ.

7:00 P.M. INTERVIEW-DONALD WYSOTE

Donald Wysote met with the Board to review his application for membership. Asst. Chief Day made a motion to appoint Mr. Wysote as a recruit in training pending a physical exam, physical ability test and CORI report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 5-0 vote. He will be assigned to Station 5.

7:15 P.M. FF. BRIAN STOWELL

Brian Stowell met with the Board to review his lack of attendance. FF. Stowell said he appreciates the Board's patience. He does plan on returning to the fire department and responding to calls. Board members agreed to give him the opportunity to improve his attendance.

7:30 P.M. FF. RAYMOND E. HOBIN, III

Asst. Chief Hobin left the meeting at this time. FF. Hobin met with the Board to review an incident that happened in March 2013. FF. Hobin explained his involvement. Chief Rudge advised FF. Hobin that his actions did not represent the Millbury Fire Department in a professional manner. Chief Rudge went on to say we worked hard to make this a good department and we do not want to have our reputation tarnished. FF. Hobin agreed-he left the meeting at this time and Asst. Chief Hobin returned.

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OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- The Auburn Fire Dept. is using Millbury's Scope until their truck is repaired. A contract was drawn up and signed by both Towns.
- Chief Rudge inspected Beacon Wiper (Mill Tex) with Jake Nunnemacher, Matt Allen, and Bob Blackman last week. The company is having a fire safety analysis done to determine if the sprinkler system is adequate for the business. Chief Rudge ordered Beacon Wiper to have the present system inspected with results being forwarded to him, and a fire watch detail must remain in place until told to do otherwise.
- The Board received a check from District 7 to pay the firefighters who helped with training exercises. Discussion took place. Chief Rudge will check with the Finance Director to see if the check can be placed in the Salary Account. If this is allowed, those who helped will be paid. Otherwise, the check will be returned to District 7.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board, District 7 will decide at their next meeting (5/23) whether to continue with the Recruit Training Program.
- Due to budget constraints, all new recruits must wait until after July 1 to take their physicals and physical ability tests.
- Asst. Chief Day ordered new flags for HQ and Station 2.
- Jeff Dore is putting flags and markers on gravesites for Memorial Day.
- The pediatric defibrillator pad was received. The adult pad should be here by the end of the week.
- HQ will participate in this year's Memorial Day Services.
- Chief Rudge told the Board that eight companies who responded to the request put out by the Public Safety Building Committee. The group will tour Fire HQ tomorrow.
- Asst. Chief Day told the Board the electrician is waiting for the manufacturer before the thermostat at Fire HQ can be replaced.
- Due to budget constraints, the Board agreed to put a "spending freeze" in place. All stations will be notified.
- Capt. King reported cracks on the hose truck's main reel. Repairs will be done after July 1.
- Asst. Chief Hobin will hold off on an estimate for painting the floor at Station 3 until July 1.
- Asst. Chief Hobin told the Board yesterday's training with the prop from DFS went well. Twenty-three firefighters participated. Asst. Chief Hobin said it was a great refresher for the experienced members and a great experience for the new ones. He will

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arrange training with another prop in the fall as the group shuts down in July and August. A survey will go out to all members asking if training on Saturday or Sunday is preferred.

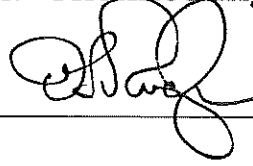
- The radiator covers in the officer's room at Fire HQ need to be installed.
- All confined space equipment has been placed on Rescue 1.
- Board members looked at the repairs proposed for Rescue 1 and agreed it was a good idea. The repairs will be scheduled after July 1.
- There has been no confirmation from Hurst about using phosphate ester in their equipment. Charlie Poirier will be contacted directly.
- Asst. Chief Day reported seven lengths of 3" hose on Engine 5 need to be replaced. All stations will be checked for any spare hose.
- Asst. Chief Day requested that copies of employment applications be provided for the Board to review prior to an interview.
- Chief Rudge presented a truck maintenance report based on PM sheets from 5/13/13. The maintenance report is as follows:
 - Engine 1: front springs need replacing (after July 1), air horn bracket broken-passenger side.
 - Tower 1: roof saw out of service, passenger side rear tray bowed, passenger side outrigger pad holder bent (already reported).
 - Rescue 1: ok
 - Engine 2: no report submitted.
 - Engine 4: no report submitted.
 - Hose 1: no report submitted.
 - Engine 3: driver's seat needs repair, driver's side rear flood lamp needs bulb, generator arcing, need to replace two lengths of 4" hose, failed testing (purchase after July 1)
 - Forestry 1: ok
 - Marine 1: needs a cut off switch installed for radio, need adjustment on direction flow for reverse.
 - Engine 5: no report submitted.
- Asst. Chief Day told the Board we need to be more diligent with our spending. The account balance sheet should include items that are outstanding besides what has been purchased.
- Asst. Chief Day asked if the Bicentennial Parade was a paid detail. The Board agreed it is not a paid detail.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said he is working on a training schedule for the summer months.
- Asst. Chief Gasco said Sutton is setting up the ID machine and should have a sample for the Board to approve soon.

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- Asst. Chief Gasco told the Board he brought in two saws for repairs. He will check to see if the repairs can be held off until July 1.

Asst. Chief Day made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Richard P. Hunt

Raymond E. Holley

Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk