

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

Date:

June 3, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Day, Asst. Chief Hobin,

Asst. Chief Gasco

Absent:

Asst. Chief Hamilton

Minutes from May 20, 2013 were not available. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

Asst. Chief Hamilton was attending a seminar in Oxford.

## 6:45 P.M. INTERVIEW-MICHAEL SCHOLD

Michael Schold met with the Board to review his application for membership. Asst. Chief Day made a motion to appoint Mr. Schold 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 4-0 vote. Mr. Schold will be assigned to Station 5.

## STATION TRANSFER REQUESTS

The Board received two requests for transfers from Station 3 to Fire HQ. Asst. Chief Day made a motion to table the item until a full Board was present. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 4-0 vote.

## OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- The next call/volunteer recruit training program at the Mass. Firefighting Academy will begin in July. All applications must be submitted by June 7, 2013. Recruit Gasco will be asked if he is interested in attending this session.
- Recruit Aaron Cluett submitted a letter of resignation effective June 16, 2013. He will be entering the military. Asst. Chief Day made a motion not to accept the resignation and to give Rec. Cluett a military leave of absence. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- Page Chiropractic brought in a sheet cake to show their appreciation for all that the Fire Department does. The Board took a moment to sample the cake and share it with the firefighters.
- The Mass. Firefighting Academy will hold graduation on June 20, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. Recruit Medina will graduate with this class. Board members are planning to attend.

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- Chief Rudge told the Board that the Fire Department's Gift Account automatically rolls over every year and does not have to be approved at the annual Town Meeting.
- The Finance Director will transfer \$6000 from the Salary Account. Half will be placed in the Supplies Account and half in the Professional Development Account.
- The Bicentennial Committee will hold a "birthday party" on June 15, 2013. Fire HQ will display the new trucks and have a couple of guys on hand to do station tours.
- The Bicentennial Parade will be held on June 23, 2013. Besides the trucks, Chief Rudge would like to have a marching contingent of firefighters (including Board members). Millbury Fire will be placed at the front of the Parade so they can return to service quickly.
- The Public Safety Building Committee has reports from the eight companies that inspected the proposed sites. The Committee should have a recommendation in time to place an article on next year's Town Meeting.
- Asst. Chief Day had no update on the thermostat at Fire HQ.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said he is working on a training schedule for the summer months.
- The Board is waiting for confirmation from Hurst about using phosphate ester in their equipment.
- The Cable Advisory Committee requested permission to set up and use Fire HQ as an emergency broadcast center. The Board agreed to have Jeff Dore handle this.
- The Cable Advisory Committee asked for a demonstration of the camera they purchased for Rescue 1. Asst. Chiefs Hamilton and Gasco will arrange a date.
- Chief Rudge presented a truck maintenance report based on PM sheets from Station 2 for the month of May. The maintenance report is as follows:

Engine 2: Battery connections need to be serviced (corroded), relief valve needs repair

Engine 4: Tank chute repair (on hold until July 1), step on passenger side needs paint.

Hose 1: OK

<u>Station 2</u>: standby generator overheat light comes on, engine is cold (bad sending switch)?

Asst. Chief Day said the account balance report provided at each meeting should be more accurate. Payments pending should be included in the report to give balances that are more accurate.

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- Asst. Chief Hobin said the boat took on a lot of water at the Brierly Pond call. Asst. Chief Hamilton will be asked to check on this.
- Asst. Chief Gasco asked that a letter be sent to David Aspinwall thanking him for allowing the Fire Department use one of his houses for training.
- Spencer Fire will hold a parade and muster on June 29, 2013. After some discussion, Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to have Headquarters take Engine 1 to the parade and participate in the muster if they want to. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 4-0 vote. Engine 1 will be taken out of service for the day if the crew decides to participate in the muster.
- Arrangements for the Field Day are on-going. The next meeting will be on July 31, 2013.
- The Board took no action on an application for membership until more information is obtained.

Asst. Chief Day made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Raymond Helican

Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk