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

Date: January 8, 2018 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Deputy Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Piscitelli,
Asst. Chief Silver
Absent: Asst. Chief Gasco (working)

Minutes from December 18, 2017 were not available. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

LIEUTENANT'S POSITION-STATION 3

FF. Brian Dalton and FF. DJ Lizotte put their names in for the lieutenant's position at Station 3. Chief Hamilton asked the Board what their pleasure was. Asst. Chief Silver said he spoke with the captain and crew at Station 3. They would be comfortable with Dalton as lieutenant. Asst. Chief Silver said he felt FF. Dalton had the skills and with a little guidance from Capt. Swenson and himself, he would be ok. Asst. Chief Silver said it would be his recommendation to appoint Brian Dalton as the lieutenant. He said FF. Lizotte put his name in to show his interest in moving up. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said if Dalton is appointed and he does not work out, the Board could make a change when reappointments are done in July. Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to appoint Brian Dalton as the lieutenant of Station 3 and to do an evaluation in July at reappointment time. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a second to the motion. Before voting, Deputy Chief Rudge said he had some hesitations about the appointment, but he always voted in favor of the recommendation made by the chief of the station. Chief Hamilton said he agreed with Deputy Chief Rudge and would vote in favor of the recommendation from the chief and the captain of the station. He called for a vote and the motion passed 4-0. FF. Dalton was notified and asked to come in and meet with the Board. Upon arriving, he was told of his appointment to lieutenant and given some guidelines to follow. His performance will be evaluated when reappointments are done in July.

REVIEW QUARTERLIES

The Board reviewed the quarterly reports for the 4th quarter. FF. Raffa will be asked about his low attendance. Deputy Chief Rudge said FF. Coppola just started a new job. Asst. Chief Silver spoke with FF. Medina who will improve his attendance. Asst. Chief Piscitelli or Capt. Brock will speak to FF. Morrissey about improving his attendance. Both Medina and Morrissey will be given one more quarter to improve attendance.

DISPATCH DESIGNATION

District 7 wants to standardize the name for each Town's dispatch center. Some towns use "fire alarm" while others use the fire department designation such as

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"Station 34". District 7 is suggesting all towns use "fire alarm". Board members were in favor of this. Chief Hamilton will let the Board know what was decided after the next District 7 meeting.

TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2018

Asst. Chief Silver presented a training schedule for January as follows:

January 15 Holiday

January 22 Autism Awareness in Sutton at 6:30 p.m.

January 29 Tour of Aquarion Pump Stations.

Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to approve the schedule as presented. 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.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Hamilton asked the Board to review updated run cards from Douglas Fire. Millbury is included on 4th and 5th alarm calls.
- The owners of 29 Main Street are demolishing and rebuilding the first floor of the property. The sprinkler system should be on-line soon. The owners gave Chief Hamilton an entry access code.
- Streetlights in Town will be changed over to LED bulbs within the next two weeks.
- Chief Hamilton told the Board about a new service being offered to first responders. A Federal Government mandate required establishing a public safety access line. Band 14 will be for public safety use only. AT&T is preparing plans and rates for the line. Board members will decide whether to purchase an AT&T phone after rates are provided. It is possible that another tower will need to be installed in west Millbury for better coverage.
- Chief Hamilton asked the Board if they remembered an eyeglass replacement account. After checking with several Town officials, no one could find any information on this account. The Board will replace FF. Peare's glasses from fire department funds.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked for an update on the new fire station. He said the Committee needs to get moving to be ready for Town Meeting. Chief Hamilton will check with Chief Desorcy.
- Deputy Chief Rudge asked about the new building going up near Wheelabrator. Chief Hamilton said United Materials Management is moving in. They recycle construction and demolition material. A sprinkler system is being installed.

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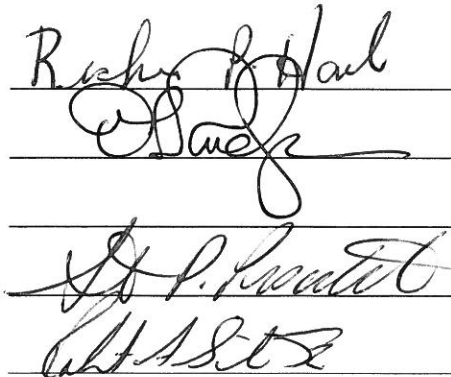
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- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said FF. Pratt hurt his shoulder at the Grafton fire over the weekend. He did not need medical attention but will be asked to complete an accident report as a precaution.
- Asst. Chief Silver brought up his fire investigator certification. He asked if the Board had any more thoughts on making him the investigator for Millbury. He said he would like to have the Board behind him and have their support. Also, all of his training and certifications were used in the ISO report. This will help to improve the Town's ISO rating. Chief Hamilton asked what was the purpose of the title. Asst. Chief Silver said he put in the time and effort and is using the skills he learned-he would like to have the title in addition to assistant chief. Deputy Chief Rudge said he would like to ask Town Counsel about the liability of having a fire investigator and the determinations he makes. Asst. Chief Silver said Mass. General Law (Chapter 148 Sec. 2) requires a fire department to investigate every fire. He wants to be appointed as the official fire investigator for Millbury. He is not looking for more money and he would not work for other departments. But, he put in the time and effort and would like the title. Chief Hamilton said he was behind him 100%. He was glad that Asst. Chief Silver took the training. But, he felt the title of "assistant chief" ranked higher than fire investigator. Discussion took place. The Board agreed to check with the Town Manager and Town Counsel for an opinion and to wait for a full Board to make a decision.

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



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Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk