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

Date: February 6, 2012 Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chief Belsito, Asst. Chief Day, Asst. Chief Dore,
Asst. Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton

Absent: None

Minutes from January 23 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were available.

6:45 P.M. INTERVIEW-RAYMOND HOBIN, III

Ray Hobin, III (Capt. Hobin's son) met with the Board to review his application for membership. If appointed, he plans to take the recruit training class offered by the Mass. Firefighting Academy over the summer months. Asst. Chief Dore made a motion to appoint Hobin as a recruit-in-training pending a successful physical exam, physical ability test, and C.O.R.I. report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 5-0 vote. Hobin will be assigned to Station 3.

7:00 P.M. INTERVIEW-STEVEN BORGES

Steven Borges met with the Board to review his application for membership. Asst. Chief Day made a motion to appoint Borges as a recruit-in-training pending a successful physical exam, physical ability test, and C.O.R.I. report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 5-0 vote. Borges will be assigned to Station 5.

7:15 P.M. INTERVIEW-ANDREW RAFFA

Andrew Raffa met with the Board to review his application for membership. Raffa previously served with the Fire Department from 2002 to 2010, completing District 7 and pump operating training. Asst. Chief Day made a motion to appoint Raffa as a regular firefighter pending a successful physical exam and C.O.R.I. report. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 5-0 vote. Raffa will be assigned to Fire HQ. He will need to go through driver training before operating any fire department vehicles.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Ethics training for Stations 2 & 5 was being done tonight at the High School computer lab. Fire HQ and Station 3 go next Monday night.
- Lt. Silver completed RIT refresher training last Monday.
- Asst. Chief Rudge said he ran the generator at the Butler Farm and the radio system is working fine.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton ordered two sets of gear and collected spare gear from all stations to do an inventory.

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- FF. Arcouette told Chief Belsito it is his intention to remain on the fire department. He is done with training in Auburn and will have the time to commit to Millbury.
- The Explorer Post is doing CPR/First Responder training tomorrow night. Asst. Chief Dore asked for the group's assistance in repairing the fire department plaques at some gravesites.
- A meeting of the Public Safety Building Study Committee will be scheduled soon.
- The Town Manager sent a letter to Pierce Truck Manufacturing awarding them the bid for the new Tower. Chief Belsito would like a contract drawn up as soon as possible.
- Two quotes were received for the camera being provided by the Cable Advisory Committee. Chief Belsito is attempting to get a third quote.
- There was no news on the FEMA Grant although the Board was informed that denial letters have all been sent and we did not receive one.
- There was no news on the MCVFA Grant.
- The Town is soliciting subscribers for the cell tower at Butler Farm.
- Jim Budzyna has been working on Rescue 1. The antenna at Station 2 will be anchored after the Rescue is done.
- The paving at Station 5 has been moved to the next fiscal year. The Carpenter's School will begin siding the station when the proper group of students is available.
- Asst. Chief Dore did fire prevention presentations at the Pearl Street and Colonial Drive senior apartments. Dore focused on stovetop fires and cooking safely. He used a prop offered by the Dept. of Fire Services that demonstrated cooking hazards. Dore also gave a tour of Fire HQ to a group of Tiger Cubs.
- Asst. Chief Dore spoke to the tree warden about Station 3. The work will be done soon. Dore said the guide wire for the pre-emptors still needs to be fixed and that the signal light is not working.
- The packings on Engine 2 and Engine 4 have been adjusted. There is an outer-loop leak on Engine 4 that needs to be repaired. The packings on Engine 5 were fine and Engine 3 still needs to be checked.
- The chimney at Station 3 will be repaired when the weather allows.
- The window at Fire HQ still needs to be repaired.
- The wiring on the pole in front of Fire HQ will be repaired soon. The electrical inspector is arranging this with National Grid. The flood light will be replaced in the morning.
- DPW Director Rob McNeil sent a letter to Aquarion Water asking them to discontinue service to the hydrant at the Sewer Department. In turn, Aquarion is requiring that the hydrant be excavated and capped-at the Town's expense.

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- There has been no update from the architect concerning the walls at Fire HQ.
- Chief Belsito received an estimate of \$35,000 to renovate Station 2 to house the hose truck. A written proposal will be submitted for the Board to review. An Article will be placed on the Warrant of the next Town Meeting. Asst. Chief Rudge cautioned that the proposal should be reviewed to be sure there is enough clearance to access all trucks at the station.
- The Board received a quote of \$3,000 to replace the front window at Station 3. Asst. Chief Dore made a motion to have the work. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 5-0 vote. Funds will come from the capital outlay account since the architect's fee will only be \$2,000.
- Asst. Chief Rudge said he checked the level of Lake Singletary. The water is rising and the hydrant should be full shortly.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton brought Engine 5 to Ballard Mack to have the steering box checked. Repair parts are being ordered.
- Recruit Chris Pageau is taking the District 7 Recruit Training Course. He is the only one from Millbury.
- The gas meter at Station 5 was replaced today.
- Asst. Chief Day suggested that new members get new gear when they are appointed, and to include funding for gear in the budget every year.
- Asst. Chief Rudge wanted it noted that the propane tank at Superior Oil was a 100-gallon tank and not a 100-pound tank.
- Asst. Chief Dore was able to arrange a trade with Ray's True Value. Ray Dubois generously agreed to trade some of the AA batteries for 9-volt batteries.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton drew up run cards similar to Strike Team cards. Hamilton said the cards would make it easier for dispatchers when a call comes in. Board members agreed to review the cards and discuss them at the next meeting.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton said the hand lights on Engine 2 and 3 are not working. He suggested an LED light that is rechargeable and can use "C" batteries. The cost of the unit is \$61. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Rudge made a motion to purchase one LED light for Engine 2. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Day and carried on a 5-0 vote.
- The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for a list of items they can provide for the fire department. Asst. Chief Hamilton suggested splitting the cost of an Eclipse Thermal Imager for Rescue 1. The unit runs about \$4800. Asst. Chief Dore made a motion to ask the Ladies Auxiliary to help with the cost of a thermal imager for Rescue 1. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 5-0 vote.

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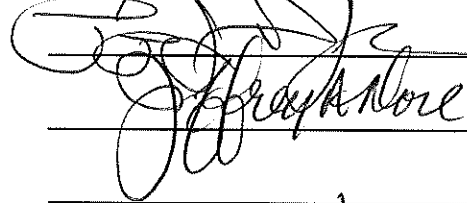
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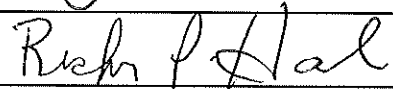
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- Asst. Chief Hamilton noted that the VIPER will need new batteries soon.
- Board members agreed to pump out any oil in the tank at Fire HQ and use it at Station 2 or Station 3. The new heating system at Fire HQ is nearly complete.

Asst. Chief Rudge made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.







Regina A. Markey, Head Clerk