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

Date: April 28, 2014 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Rudge, Asst. Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Hobin,
Asst. Chief Piscitelli
Absent: Asst. Chief Gasco

Minutes from March 17, and April 7, 2014 were approved. Invoices were signed. Mail was read. Account balances were reviewed.

7:00 P.M. INTERVIEW-JOHN LEROUX

John Leroux met with the Board to review his application for membership. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to appoint Mr. Leroux 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 Piscitelli and carried on a 4-0 vote. Mr. Leroux will be assigned to Station 2.

7:15 P.M.-LT. LAHAIR-DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM

Lt. Lahair told the Board he is resigning as the lead instructor for the Driver Training Program. He is willing to help with on-road driver training but does not want to be in charge any longer. He informed Capt. Brock as well. Lt. Lahair said his recommendation for a replacement would be Tom LaVallee since he recently became certified as a driving instructor. Lt. Lahair said he would be willing to help anyone who is appointed to do the classroom portion of the program. Chief Rudge said the Board certainly appreciates all that Lt. Lahair has done. He noted that Lt. Lahair started the program "from scratch" and it will be difficult to replace him at this time. Lt. Lahair had questions about who can do driver training on specialty pieces (Engine 4, Tower 1, Rescue 1, Hose 1). He was told that except for the Tower, any driver who has a CDL and was previously approved to drive by the Board may do driver training on the specialty pieces. Lt. Lahair thanked the Board and left the meeting at this time.

FIELD DAY-2014

Chief Rudge asked the Board if they wanted to hold a Field Day this year. Discussion took place. It was decided to contact the Ladies Auxiliary to see if they had an interest in the Field Day and go from there. A meeting will held on May 8 for those interested in organizing the Field Day.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Rudge submitted the following truck repair report based on P.M.'s done on 4/14/14:
 - Engine 1: need 1-50' piece of 4" hose; cracks under cab; right side bar light; Worcester portable needs new batteries; fuel leak at pick up pump; Drenzo's was notified on 4/28/14.
 - Rescue 1: need battery for Grafton portable; need straps for SCBA mask.

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Tower 1: need right rear mud flap installed; need battery for Grafton portable-not holding a charge.

Engine 2: left side quartz light is out; rust on compartment doors; pump leak?

Engine 4: tank cover missing; rust over RR wheels; screws missing on top deck.

Hose 1: right side back up light out; rear marker light out.

Engine 3: generator mounting bracket bolt snapped; need new windshield wipers; left alley light out on light bar; rear scene light OOS; siren comes on when PTT button is depressed; transmission temperature gauge is broken; hard suction holder on ladder rack is broken; first low compartments on left and right side need new door switches (open door light turns on); 1 length of hard suction is OOS; air horns don't work most of the time; front chock block holder is damaged; ladder rack does not work (12 & 24 foot ladders & 2 hard suction lengths inaccessible); air leak from air tanks; rear passenger side outer dully multiple flat spots; no compartment lights in the right side 1st & 2nd low compartments; compartment light is out on the left side 1st low compartment.

Forestry 1: Ok.

Engine 5: Generator fuel tank repair (Capt. Handling); deck gun lever broken; left front corner strobe out; rear strobes out.

- Josh Piscitelli will handle the light repairs on Engines 3 & 5. Asst. Chief Hamilton will check on the batteries for the portable radios. Direnzo's will be asked to do some repairs on Engine 3. They will look at Engine 1 in the morning.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton told the Board he ordered Engine 4's tank cover in October. Due to an e-mail mix up, UPF only recently received the order. The company is checking to see if the item is under warranty.
- Chief Rudge spoke to Town Counsel about the Fire Department's LOSAP and not giving service credit to those on extended leave. Chief Rudge expects an answer within a day or two. The LOSAP will renew on July 1, 2014.
- Chief Rudge will address the full department tonight at 8:30 to explain the need to replace the current SCBA's. A question has been placed on the ballot for tomorrow's town elections.
- Board members discussed what they have heard about the new ambulance contract. It is the Board's understanding that Millbury's dedicated ambulance will be housed in Sutton at the Wilkinsonville Fire Station. The Engineers are not in favor of this and feel the ambulance should be housed in Millbury. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to send a letter to the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen saying the Board of Fire Engineers is not in favor of housing the ambulance outside of Millbury. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- The Public Safety Building Committee will meet on 5/14/14. Asst. Chief Hobin said he spoke to Brian Turbitt about a piece of property on Providence Street. Mr. Turbitt said the property meets all the criteria for the building. More information will be available after the meeting.

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- Chief Rudge told the Board the Town is seeking to take a piece of property in front of 4 Sutton Road. An article has been placed on Town Meeting Warrant for this purpose.
- The Board was notified that Recruit Michael Schold was dismissed from the Call/Volunteer training program. Asst. Chief Piscitelli said Rec. Schold has not been at Monday night training and has not been answering alarms. Asst. Chief Hamilton wants Rec. Schold to meet with the Board and explain himself. Board members agreed and he will meet with the Board on 5/19/14.
- Brian Stowell submitted a letter of resignation. Asst. Chief Hobin made a motion to accept with regret. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hamilton and carried on a 4-0 vote. Asst. Chief Hamilton then made a motion to rescind his motion made on 4/7/14 to dismiss Mr. Stowell from the Fire Department. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Hobin and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- The Little League Parade will be held on May 4, 2014. Engine 5 is scheduled to participate.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton gave an update on District 7: The group appreciated a representative from Millbury being at the Recruit graduation even though they had no one graduating; DFS did a presentation on the services they offer and an updated list of contact names and numbers was handed out; because of the e-blended system being used in recruit training, the course may be shortened; the new Springfield branch of DFS should be open next year with recruit training classes being offered there as well as at Stow; training for company officers is being revised and courses will be offered for the captains & lieutenants as well; the next meeting is May 22 in Douglas and the June meeting will be held in Millbury; the Radio Committee will merge with District 7 with certain stipulations in place.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton wanted the Board to know that one recruit in the training course needed some extra help and DFS was more than willing to help out. All are doing well.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said the training with the maze trailer is set for 5/3 at Station 2 with sessions at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Company captains will oversee the training.
- Asst. Chief Hobin told the Board no one has contacted him to have a picture taken for an ID. He has been in touch with Dave Matson and is arranging his picture. He suggested a Board picture be taken on Memorial Day.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said the live burn training in Auburn was being arranged by Asst. Chief Gasco.
- Asst. Chief Hobin said Engine 3's hard suction still needs to be repaired. Fire Tech & Safety will be contacted.

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- Asst. Chief Hobin spoke to the crew at Station 3 about using the chain of command.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli said he and Asst. Chief Gasco will repair the door frame at Fire HQ.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli told the Board Engine 5's generator was taken to B & M Welding for repairs.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton brought up the issue of changing the retirement age for police and fire personnel. This matter was brought up at a recent Selectmen's meeting by a retired police officer. Selectmen suggested including fire personnel if any change was made. Asst. Chief Hamilton felt the fire department should not be included at this time. Chief Rudge said he was not officially approached but felt some guidelines need to be in place before making a change. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Hamilton made a motion to send a letter to the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen asking that the Fire Department not be included in the change at this time. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- Asst. Chief Hamilton said the recent violation notices we received from the Mass. Pike could have been a result of official vehicles entering the Pike for non-official business. Transponders are available for fire trucks, but documentation must be submitted to Mass. DOT for each incident to avoid a fee. Chief Rudge is looking into this matter.
- Asst. Chief Hobin asked why the fire watch detail at Uno's was being done by police rather than firefighters. Chief Rudge said his concern was filling the slots for the length of the detail. Asst. Chief Hobin said a lot of the guys were interested in working it and would have benefitted from this detail. This brought about a testy discussion between Chief Rudge and Asst. Chief Hobin. Chief Rudge stressed the detail had to be arranged immediately and the fire department does not have a revolving account to handle this type of payment. Asst. Chief Hamilton said it would have been nice but the fire department needs to have a procedure in place. Asst. Chief Hobin will draw up a proposal to handle fire watch details for the next Board meeting.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli told the Board Steve Piselli did an excellent job at Station 5. Home Depot donated the paint and Mr. Piselli and his crew painted the ceiling as part of an eagle-scout project. He would like a thank you note sent to Steve Piselli. Board members agreed.
- Engine 3's new gas meter needs to be set-up and calibrated.
- The Board received a request to use one bay at Fire HQ on 5/17/14 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. as a registration site for the Masonic Road Race to be held on 5/18/14. Board members approved the request and Asst. Chief Hamilton will coordinate.

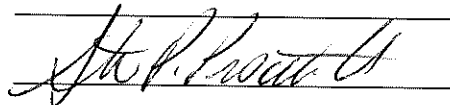
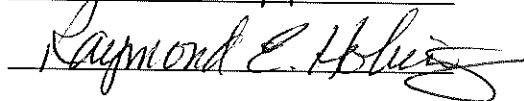
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- It was noted that FF. Leavens has not submitted a letter of resignation. Board members agreed to call him in for a hearing on May 19, 2014 to explain why he should not be terminated from the fire department. Asst. Chief Hobin will try to contact him before that date to get him to resign rather than being dismissed from the fire department.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Brian P. Hart



Regina A. Markey, Clerk