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

Date: May 2, 2016 Time: 6:30 P.M.
Present: Chief Hamilton, Asst. Chief Gasco, Asst. Chief Piscitelli,
Asst. Chief Silver
Absent: Deputy Chief Rudge (vacation)

Minutes from 3/21/16 were approved. Invoices were signed. Account balances were reviewed. Mail was read.

Chief Hamilton announced that he received his Fire Chief's accreditation. The Board congratulated him on this accomplishment. Asst. Chief Silver announced that he completed and passed the Advanced Fire Investigation Class. He was congratulated as well.

S.O.G. #12 State Fire Marshal Notification

Asst. Chief Silver is working on this S.O.G.

REVIEW QUARTERLIES

Board members reviewed attendance for the first quarter. Those with low attendance at Fire HQ, Station 3 and Station 5 were addressed. FF. Steve Couture notified the Board that he is out with an injury (non- fire related) and will provide a doctor's letter when he is ready to return.

MUTUAL AID RIT RESPONSE

Chief Hamilton told the Board he met with Chief Belsito (Sutton), Chief Gauthier (Grafton), and FF. Lemieux (Auburn) to discuss automatic RIT mutual aid. Each Town would set its own policy on which truck and what personnel would automatically respond. Discussion took place. How will this affect mutual aid if a town needs more than RIT; and do those responding need to be RIT certified. - The Board considered designating Engine 1 as Millbury's mutual aid RIT. It was stressed that if you can't send a truck without enough coverage for your own town-then don't send a truck. This is still a work in progress and Chief Hamilton will keep the Board updated.

REPLACEMENT OF HELMETS

Chief Hamilton said he would like to order new helmets since only six of Millbury's are less than 9-years old. He had quotes from Firematic (\$289), Fire Tech & Safety (\$298) and Air Gas (\$300). Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to purchase 14 yellow helmets. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 4-0 vote. The gear account balance was reviewed. Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to purchase 3 pairs of leather boots. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Gasco and carried on a 4-0 vote. Prices will be obtained.

PRE-INCIDENT PLANS (PIP)

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Asst. Chief Silver is working on a PIP for the solar farm at Print Guard. Asst. Chief Piscitelli is still working on a PIP for Wheelabrator. Asst. Chief Gasco is working on a PIP for Fox Bus.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

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

May 2: P.M.'s Review S.O.G.'s/P.I.P.'s

May 9: First Responder Refresher at the High School

May 16: Foam HQ & S2, Drafting S3 & S5

May 23: Relief Association Meeting

May 30: Holiday

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

This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 4-0 vote. Chief

Hamilton wants to hold a company officers meeting on May 16 at 6:00 p.m.

This will be done as part of the Board meeting. The Town Clerk will be notified of the change to the start time.

- Josh Piscitelli will be asked to replace the ladder rack piston on Engine 3.
- The Board reviewed S.O.G. #18 Responding to Mutual Aid. Asst. Chief Silver made a motion to keep the S.O.G. as it is. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and carried on a 4-0 vote. The Board agreed that if a company officer is not available to respond, any chief officer can authorized the crew to respond without one.
- The windows for Station 2 have been delivered and should be installed this week.
- Bids for the replacement of Station 2's boiler will be opened on 5/20/16 at the Town Hall.
- Chief Hamilton gave an update on District 7. The next meeting will be a joint meeting with District 8 on 5/26/16 in Oakham-this is the chicken dinner. The State Fire Marshal is expected to attend. The June meeting will be held in Millbury at the VFW on 6/23/16.
- Chief Hamilton updated the Board on the Public Safety Sighting Committee. They agreed there should be two separate buildings on either one site or two separate sites. The Committee will seek funds to secure the land and for building design plans.
- W.D. Perkins provided estimates to replace the packings on Engine 2 (\$14,318) and Engine 4 (\$9,928). Engine 2 needs a new mechanical seal. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to have the pump on Engine 2 rebuilt first. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- The Board would like to have the lights on Engine 5 converted. This will depend on available funds.
- Walter Swenson submitted letters indicating the following completed and passed the pump operators class: Michael Bien, Eric Bouthillette, Robert Gasco, and Nathaniel Pratt. FF. Bouthillette still needs to take the driver

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training course. Based on this, Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to allow Bien, Gasco, and Pratt to drive any engine company. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Piscitelli and it carried on a 4-0 vote. All company captains will be notified.

- The Ladies Auxiliary submitted a request to hold a car wash on 6/11/16 at Fire HQ. Asst. Chief Gasco made a motion to approve the request. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 4-0 vote.
- Chief Hamilton told the Board that the new toning system is up and running. It is a web-based system and can be used to send messages as well. This is an enhanced system than what was used before but no additional charge will be assessed this year.
- Chief Hamilton attended a seminar on ISO requirements at the FPAM Conference last week. Millbury is due for re-evaluation next year. The majority of the process is recordkeeping. Extra points are given for a public education program and a fire inspection program-Millbury has both.
- The Town of Southbridge invited Millbury to participate in their Bi-Centennial Parade on May 14, 2016. The Board agreed to send Engine 2.
- The Little League Parade was cancelled due to the weather.
- The part needed to fix the issue with the ABS light on Tower 1 has not come in yet. This has been an ongoing problem and even though the warranty has expired, the Board will ask Pierce for reimbursement.
- The District 7 Communication Team will meet on May 11, 2016. Millbury's team consists of Keith Newlands, Bill Stevens, Steven Kosiba, and Keith LaCrosse. When needed, the team will operate the communications truck for the District. The Board agreed they should receive a response credit when they are activated.
- Chief Hamilton attended a seminar today with the Building Inspector dealing with crowd managers.
- The Board discussed purchasing the intake valves needed when the department converts to 4" hose. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to purchase four intake valves. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 4-0 vote. The cost is \$895 each.
- Asst. Chief Gasco spoke with Charlie Poirier about the adapter needed for the Tower. Because it is not available, Poirier agreed to apply the funds to the spectacle kits for the SCBA's. The balance of the credit could be used for additional helmets. Asst. Chief Gasco said there is still an issue with the battery packs. At some point, lithium batteries and a charger for each station will be provided.
- Asst. Chief Gasco: reported Engine 1 will go to New England Trim on Thursday to have the hose bed cover repaired.
- Asst. Chief Piscitelli: said he is working on a response plan for Wheelabrator and would like to draw up one for a pit fire and one for a building fire. Discussion took place. Two plans will be done.

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Wheelabrator may be asked to have the yard hydrants painted a different color for quicker identification. Also, Wheelabrator is updating their contingency plan for spills. --Engine 5's fan was brought to 146 Supply. It will cost \$315 to repair. Discussion took place. Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to purchase a battery powered fan for Engine 5. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 4-0 vote. The cost of the unit is \$3,495. -Asst. Chief Piscitelli said the job shirts for the Board should be all the same. He then made a motion to purchase job shirts for the Board. This was seconded by Asst. Chief Silver and carried on a 4-0 vote.

- Asst. Chief Silver: noted that he passed the Advanced Fire Investigators Class. He would like to join the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). The cost is \$100. The Board agreed to this. -Asst. Chief Silver contacted the recruits to get all their paperwork in for the next recruit training class.

Asst. Chief Piscitelli made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Rich P. Aoul

Brian K. Gasco

St. P. Piscitelli

Asst. A. Silver

Regina A. Markey, Clerk